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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION
OF THE
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

New England has now welcomed within her borders the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the fourth time. Never was a warmer welcome awarded than at the recent session in Springfield, Mass. Beautiful autumnal weather, hearty words of greeting from pastors and people, open homes and open hearts, made royal entertainment for the stranger coming from all quarters of our land. There were present at the meeting four persons, who twenty-two years before met in Mrs. Rich's parlor in Boston at the first Executive Committee, who saw the little Society launch out, and who rejoiced over the great success of having raised the first year, the amount of seven thousand dollars, and with great timidity announced that they would appropriate twenty thousand to be raised the second year.

How marvelous the developments! This year, how breathless the attention, as the Secretary announced that the total amount of money raised during the past year was over *two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars*! And then they sang the doxology. How could they help it? Yet more: at the close of the meeting the Finance Committee announced the appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars for 1893, adding that this amount failed to meet the demands of the work by one hundred thousand dollars!

The Committee was in session for eight days, holding two and sometimes three meetings a day, discussing every phase of the work in all its detail. The reports from the various fields were never more inspiring. The sound of victory was heard from afar. As one Secretary after another read her report, every heart was thrilled with the experiences, and resistless faith and devotion to duty of the representatives of the Society in combating heathenism. Never were there so many returned missionaries present. Each day meetings were addressed by them. These addresses gave glimpses of the work in the "regions beyond." Some were worn and too feeble to speak, but longing for restored health that they might return to their fields.

Bishop Thoburn was present a greater part of the session, seeking help for a large number of new schools for girls, which help was granted.

Mrs. Dr. Butler, so prominently connected with the organization of the Society, was a most welcome guest, giving inspiration by her very presence. The following missionaries were present :

From *India*, Miss Fanny Sparkes, Mrs. James Mudge, Miss Fanny English, Miss Emily Harvey, Miss Minnie Abrams.

From *China*, Miss Gertrude Howe, Miss Clara Cushman, Mrs. C. Jewell, Miss Anna Glass, M. D., Miss Edna Terry, M. D., Miss May Carlton, M. D., Miss Ella Shaw, Mrs. N. J. Plumb.

From *Korea*, Miss L. Rothweiler.

From *Japan*, Miss M. Spencer, Miss Anna Atkinson.

From *South America*, Miss Jennie Chapin.

From *Mexico*, Miss Lizzie Hewitt.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Drees, of South America, and Rev. J. C. Ferguson, of China, of the general Missionary Society were also present. Dr. Sigourney Trask Cowles, formerly connected with the Society was in attendance. Miss Josephine Carr, who has visited our missions in Japan, China and India, and who has given such strong testimony to the efficiency of the work done by the Society, was also present.

The Rev. Mr. Best, a missionary of the London Missionary Society from New Zealand gave, at one of the sessions, a most interesting account of his work in that remote island.

On Friday evening an informal reception was given to the Committee and missionaries in the parlors of Trinity Church affording a pleasant opportunity to meet many of the friends in the city.

On Sabbath the missionaries spoke in the various churches at both morning and evening services, and some in the neighboring towns. The anniversary was held on Sabbath evening in the city hall, where a very large audience assembled, Bishop Thoburn making the address.

A very impressive communion service was held on Tuesday morning, presided over by Bishop Thoburn, and the city pastors. Tuesday afternoon "a missionary symposium" conducted by Mrs. Dr. William Butler was held, all the missionaries being called in turn to relate their experience and call to the work; and as each one closed her remarks Mrs. Butler gave her a "God-speed" with some short, appropriate text. When the returned missionaries had finished the out-going "missionaries were called on for a brief word as to their call, purposes, and hopes. Those present were Misses Stahl, Craig, Wood, Hebinger, Wilkinson, Nichols and Lauck, who will soon sail for their appointed fields.

Permission was granted for the formation of a new Branch to include Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon, to be known as the Columbia River Branch. This territory was formerly included in the Minneapolis Branch. A resolution was passed urging the closing of the World's Exposition on the Sabbath.

The following delegates were appointed as representatives of the Society to the Woman's Congress of Missions at Chicago, viz : Mrs. F. P. Crandon, of Evanston ; Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, of Brooklyn and Mrs. J. T. Gracey, of Rochester, N. Y.

Greetings were exchanged by telegraph with the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in session at Grand Rapids, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in session at Denver.

The delightful hour of Consecration held every afternoon is a marked feature of the sessions of this Committee. It is a time of heart searching, deep religious quickening, a time when business gives way to communion with the Master, and all "sit together in heavenly places."

On Thursday afternoon, Nov. 3rd, the meeting closed with impressive services, and the testimony was that in all respects it was a most blessed session.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

[The following summary was read by the Secretary of the General Executive Committee, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, at the Anniversary of the Society held in Springfield, Mass., Sunday evening, Oct. 30, 1892.]

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society chronicles a year of blessedness. The home work is represented by the following figures: Auxiliary Societies, 4,262; annual members, 116,608; Young Ladies' Societies, 811, members, 16,157; Children's Bands, 612, members, 14,313; total organizations, 5,665; total membership, 147,080; increase in organizations, 184; in membership, 2,816; life memberships, 8,354; increase, 551; life patrons, 81; increase 3; honorary managers, 446; increase, 27; Conference Secretaries, 81; increase, 11; District Secretaries, 326; increase, 45.

The amount of money contributed for the year is \$265,342, which is an increase of \$1,681. Of this amount only about \$12,000 has come by donation or bequest.

The amount contributed from October 1, 1891, to October 1, 1892, by branches is as follows:

New England Branch.....	\$27,483.55
New York Branch.....	45,558.36
Philadelphia Branch.....	27,134.44
Baltimore Branch.....	17,941.34
Cincinnati Branch.....	37,684.93
North Western Branch.....	63,876.12
Des Moines Branch.....	19,072.48
Minneapolis Branch.....	11,195.71
Topeka Branch.....	13,397.15
Pacific Branch.....	2,898.07

	\$265,342.15
Receipts for 1891.....	263,660.69
Increase.....	\$1,681.46

Very much of this money represents great devotion and self-sacrifice.

The German Work is scattered over a large territory. There are 20 organizations in Switzerland, and 24 in Germany, with 141 in the various conferences of the United States, making a total of 185. In Switzerland there are 747 members, in Germany 700, in the United States 3,151, a total of 4,958—increase 797; contributions \$4,971 for the year—increase \$500.

In the department of literature the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shows a circulation of 21,512, increase, 1,413; *Heathen Children's Friend* 12,474,

increase, 4,364; the German paper *Heiden Frauen Freund*, 2,474, increase 339. The society has issued and distributed beside these papers, over two and a half millions of pages of good wholesome missionary literature of a miscellaneous character, leaflets, monthly studies, etc.

The following missionaries have returned home during the year: Misses Atkinson, of Japan, Abrams and English, of India, Files, of Burmah, Rothweiler, of Korea, Shaw and Howe of China, and Hewitt, of Mexico; and Miss Hu King Eng, of Foochow, China has returned to complete her medical studies. The following missionaries were sent out to the field during the year: Misses Young, Stanton, Crosswaithe, Glover, and Masters, M. D., to China; Miss Payne to Korea; Misses Kemper, Harper, Kenneday, Hoge, Lawson and Bryan, M. D., to India; Miss Hammond to South America, and Misses Niger and Dunmore to Mexico. Misses De Line and Downey returned to India. The following have been accepted by the Reference Committee: Misses Josephine Stahl, Florence Nichols, Frances Craig, Anna Keeler, Susan Harrington, Emma E. Ferris and Mrs. Anna L. Davis.

The Society now supports 132 missionaries, of whom 13 are medical graduates. Twenty-three of the number are at home, very much broken in health. The missionaries are distributed as follows: India 31, Japan 25, China 25, Burmah 2, Mexico 9, Korea 5, Bulgaria 2, Italy 2, South America 6.

DEATHS.—It has been several years since the Society has had to chronicle the death of a missionary, but this year there have gone from us Miss Everding, Miss Layton, and Miss Pardoe. But we are not disheartened. When the devoted missionary of East Africa, Krapf, buried his wife he said: "A missionary's grave in a foreign field is a sign that we have commenced a great struggle in that part of the world. It was a woman's funeral that inaugurated the beginning of Abraham's ownership in Canaan." The church will never go back from the sentinel—monument of these graves.

On January 13th, Miss Emma Everding died at her home in Syracuse, N. Y., after three years of intense suffering. She went to Japan in 1883 and spent six years in connection with the Girls' School in Nagasaki. She gave all her powers to the work and was faithful in every duty, joyous in service, cheerful in faith and hope. She was taken seriously ill, and partially recovering, she started for home and arrived in 1888. "The work I have done in Japan," she said, "I have left in the hand of God to receive his blessing."

Following this in April came a telegram from India with only two words, "Layton Cholera," but these two words carried sorrow to a multitude of hearts. In the year 1878 Miss Layton was appointed to the Girls'

School in Calcutta. For eight years she toiled. She found the school homeless and when broken in health she returned home, she left it with the finest building for educational purposes of any owned by the Methodist Church in the foreign field. She spent a few years at home and returned to the field last fall, and only three short months was she permitted the activities of her beloved work. April 21st she was taken ill and died on the morning of the 22nd. "I am ready to live or die, as God wills," were her last conscious words. Of her unostentatious fruitful life we might say much, but we give the beautiful testimony of one who knew her and was associated with her. He says: "She was a woman who knew the power of Christ's resurrection and carried it into all lives whom she could touch, and in the years of her teaching in Calcutta she crowded more character making than I have seen in any single life during an experience of teachers and teaching extending over twenty-five years."

Scarcely had the Society recovered from this shock, when news was received of the death of Miss Mary E. V. Pardoe of the Girls' School in Tokyo. She died Aug. 31st and was laid to rest on the evening of the same day. Miss P. went to Japan in 1888 and was permitted only a short service, but she wrought well. "She was as faithful as the sun," writes one of her associates, and her influence will be felt to the farthest limit of the Empire of Japan, for all who came in contact with her, whether foreigners or Japanese, felt that there was something about her which left in them an impression for good that was not effaced as the months and years passed.

Then followed the death of Mrs. Mary Vance Belknap on September 27th. Miss Vance was sent to Japan by this Society, in 1887, and spent four years in earnest, faithful work as its representative. These consecrated women went out from tender and domestic love and watch-care, from collegiate culture and endearments, from warm church nurture and engirdling sympathies, into intensely practical life. With their culture they sat down gladly amid ignorance, superstition and poverty and their record is one of self-forgetfulness, and of self-sacrificing consecrated Missionary Service.

THE WORK.—The only new field occupied by the Society during the year is Peru, where a most encouraging opening has been made. On the fields the missionaries have had to contend with famine, earthquakes and fires in Japan, with riots and destruction of property in China, and famine in parts of India; but while they have been persecuted they have not been forsaken or dismayed. Some barely escaped from their stations with their lives, but as soon as peace and quietness were restored, returned and resumed their work. The Society supports thirty Boarding Schools, and various Day Schools, having under its supervision thirteen thousand girls, and about twenty-five thousand women under instruction.

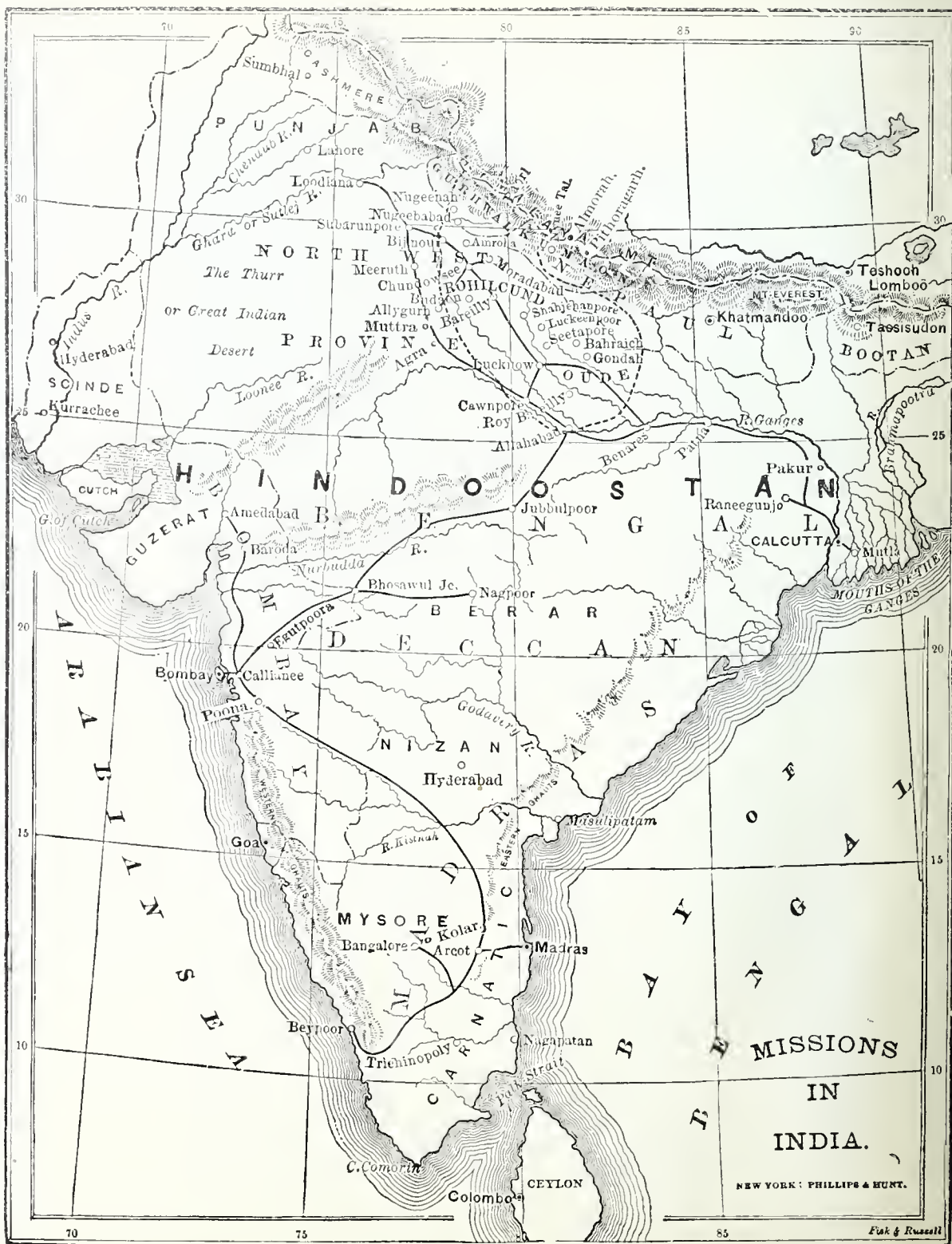
Wonderful revivals and displays of divine power have attended the instructions in these schools, notably in Japan, where in one Boarding School every member was converted.

The Society has twelve hospitals and dispensaries, where during the past year, through the ministrations of its medical women, some thirty-five thousand women received care who would otherwise have been neglected. Twenty-three years ago it seemed incredible that the women of India could be educated, and especially be capable of receiving a medical education. A little waif was placed in the orphanage at Bareilly years ago, picked up no one knows where, whose support the New York Branch assumed. She became a bright student, and was selected from a number of girls to pursue the study of medicine; was graduated at the head of her class, with honor, and the India papers mentioned her proficiency. She was selected to take charge of the woman's department of a government hospital, and the English surgeon, inspecting her work after a year's trial, wrote in the official record: "This hospital in charge of this native woman is the best conducted hospital in Northern India." This native Christian woman, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is a trophy of the Society.

The great ingathering of thousands of souls in all parts of India this past year has brought a pressure upon every form of our work, and it seems impossible to meet the demands. Some of the social movements are so great that we can scarcely keep pace with them even in our thought. In the city of Madras we read of 480 women of all castes and all conditions, visiting the mission house and mingling freely together, which means a marvelous change and a breaking down of the adamantine walls of caste and intense prejudices.

In China where faith has been sorely tried during the year, there has been success. "I have lost faith in idols and I no longer worship them," said a Chinese woman. Another threw away her ancestral tablets, saying she has no more use for them. Another split up for firewood her idols, and said she would worship God. So the work goes on, and the cry of the Church militant for help never arose more earnestly than from its workers in the forefront of the battle. Recently a missionary was talking to a group of heathen women, trying to explain to them the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and his love to all the world. She says: "When I had finished, one of the women put down her work, folded her hands, and with a look of intense feeling said to the other women: 'O sisters, hear what she says! He *died* for such as we are; he *rose* for such as we are; he *lives* for such as we are; he *loves* such as we are. How wonderful!'"

Multitudes of these women are longing for the news, and shall we relax our efforts, or the women of Methodism say they are indifferent to these appeals that come to us from these longing hearts?



Report of Foreign Work.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

INDIA.

NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

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*MISS KATE McDOWELL, M. D.,
MISS MARTHA A. SHELDON, M. D.,

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MISS MARTHA E. DAY,
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MRS. M. TINDALE.

The North India Conference covers a large territory, and includes within its borders a number of large and important cities. These cities are centers in which nearly all forms of missionary work are carried on and from which a large number of outlying villages are reached. In connection with the above missionary workers, a large and efficient force of native Christian women are employed in schools and evangelistic work. Bishop Thoburn says: "No where in Methodism is woman's work so thoroughly organized as in the North India Conference."

Bijnur. Woman's work in every part of the Bijnur circuit has made great progress. Work is carried on from sixteen centers. In each center, schools are taught and in most of them some Zenana visiting is done. Such a large number of baptisms have occurred within the past three years, placing so many new Christians in the hands of the

missionaries for instruction, that much time cannot be given to opening more Zenanas. "We are constantly receiving invitations to open up new houses," writes the missionary. In Bijnur City there are four Day Schools and six Sunday Schools, and some of the Sunday Schools are taught by girls from the Boarding School. The Boarding School is larger than ever before, and the work has been very satisfactory. The examinations were excellent. The girls are the life of the Epworth League. They are always ready for the work assigned them, and acquit themselves most creditably. There has been but one death in the school, and this one showed the power of the living Christ in the final triumph of faith in the closing hour.

Basta. The work enlarges every year, but the workers are few. They visit from house to house, reading the Scriptures ; a few women are learning to read, and a few profess to have been converted. Many of them have committed the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and hymns.

Najibabad. There are three Girls' Schools here, in which sixty are being taught. Many women come in to listen to the Bible and the hymns. Sixteen have become Christians this year.

Nagina. Zenana work is carried on in sixty houses. The women listen joyfully. At first they hid away from us and were afraid ; now they receive us kindly, and are learning to read and do needlework.

Mandawar. There have been 80 baptisms among the women this year. The two Christian Girls' Schools are doing well. There is much to be thankful for in the year's work.

Moradabad. The school has had a prosperous year and closed with one hundred and fifty-three names on the roll ; 123 are in the boarding department, the rest day scholars. Four girls went to the Muttra Training School, two to the Agra College. This school opened in 1868 with two little village girls who had with difficulty been persuaded to come to the mission to be taught. Two of our girls graduated from the Agra Medical College in April, and are now engaged in medical work ; one in connection with mission work, and one in a Lady Dufferin hospital.

The Epworth League has been a great help to the girls in many ways. One of the girls received a prize for the best recitation in English at the meeting of the Rohilkund District, and one took the prize for the best original oration. The subject was, "Character." There is much interest in the Junior League and in this one of the girls took the prize for an essay on the advantages of this organization for children. The bands of Ready Workers have been regular and faithful in voluntary work for others. The Girls' Missionary Society has had interesting

meetings and they have given their "pice" gladly to help on new work in the village. Class and prayer meetings are kept up regularly, and 27 girls have been taken into full membership in the church this year. A very large proportion of the girls who have been educated in this school are now active, intelligent Christian women. At the camp meeting recently, more than thirty of these young women were present and gave interesting accounts, of the work in which they were engaged in many cities and villages. There have been 4,255 patients treated in the hospital. As far as possible religious instruction has been given to all who come. In *Chandausi* there are many inquirers, and a number have been baptized; schools have been opened among inquirers in place of the Hindu and Mohammedan Schools.

Muttra. The Deaconess' Home is the center of several lines of work—a Training School, Zenana work and Boarding School. The Training School has had during the year twelve native students, and one English student. Special training is given the girls in practical work, each girl taking her turn weekly in visiting Zenanas with experienced workers. Miss Grenow, an enthusiastic student of the Bible has done faithful work in the Training School. Instruction in music is given by Mrs. Emma Scott. The Gospel is being sung into the hearts of India's millions, and it is fitting that this instruction should be made prominent in a Training School. The Boarding School Dormitories are full; we have no school house, but we have a large compound and large hopes for the future. In view of the great and growing work before us one might be tempted to despair if it were not for the grace of God which "in full completeness can fill the measure of our weakness." During the year, twenty-nine patients were treated in the hospital, of which twenty-one were Hindu women, six Mohammedan, and one Christian woman and her baby. The patients in dispensaries were 3,223. A superior little woman named Mohaniya, was one of the first converts and is now a valuable helper. In her anxiety to qualify herself to teach she came twice from Hathras to the Training School during the year, staying a month each time. Her bright, madonna-like face is a constant inspiration and seems to say, "What Christ has done for this woman he can do for others."

The work has been carried on in the same lines as heretofore. Some women have been led to the Saviour, two have been baptized on public profession of faith. Others are ready for baptism but cannot get permission from their people. Great demands exist in the large numbers whom we cannot reach for want of workers. There is an increase of students in the Medical Home. We have a Missionary Society here and an Epworth League.

Ajmere. There is a wide door of influence open to us. It has been encouraging to see how in a few months of teaching, ignorant women

can improve, sing our hymns, answer questions from Mudge's catechism and tell a few simple incidents in the life of Jesus. There are many Mohullas and villages where women whose husbands have been baptized are waiting to be taught. Much can be done if the funds are placed in our hands for the work. Mrs. Emma Moore Scott writes, that she hopes the report of the wife of the native Presiding Elder of *Aligarh* District will receive especial attention. We give a few extracts from its earnest, passionate words. She says, "We live in Kasganj where we have three hundred homes open to us. There are three other women associated with me, and we four work in different Mohullas. Sometimes I go with my husband around this district. During these tours I have observed that the kingdom of Christ is coming with power, for hundreds of women listen attentively to God's word, and many have given their hearts to Him. There really seems to be no hindrance to our work. In this district there are eight circuits and in each circuit on an average 390 Christians. It is impossible to visit all of these because of the distance. Wherever there is a Bible reader working, the women are acquainted with the truths of Christianity and the ten commandments, and they teach their children. But where there is no Christian worker the women are very ignorant, and do many wicked things. Time and space forbid that many interesting incidents given should be related. In the villages all over the district men and women believe in Christ as the Saviour of the world and want to come to Him. In the year 1891, 2,000 have been baptized, but except about ten or fifteen, none of them can read or write. For the instruction of men and boys some little has been done, but for girls and women, next to nothing. Because they are not taught they are weak themselves and their ignorance is a great injury to their children. These poor women *want* to be taught; many village women have sent urgent requests that they and their children might have some one to instruct them. Every one knows that Hindoostani women learn what is wrong from their earliest childhood. As I think over it day and night I can but feel how impossible it is for these women to give up these things unless they are instructed. It seems positively necessary that every little church should have a properly qualified woman to teach these women fresh from heathenism. Six years ago when we first came here, the women hated me and said all sorts of hard things about me; now there are about a thousand Christian women who love Christ and are hungry for heavenly wisdom, and there are hundreds more who are longing for baptism. I beg every reader of this report to contribute something toward sending teachers among the women of *Aligarh* District. When I think of what Christ has suffered for me, should I be ashamed or afraid to bear any toil, dishonor, or

weariness for Him? Living or dying, I am His, and will work for Him until death."

Bareilly.—Girls' Orphan and Boarding School. The orphanage has had an uneventful year. There has been much sickness but not of a serious type. Three girls have died, and ten have married. Miss Phebe Rowe held meetings with the girls, which were very helpful. As opportunity offered the missionary has gone into villages taking some of the older girls to train them in evangelistic work, and on these trips several of the former pupils were found who were married and doing excellent Christian service. Two hundred girls have been in the orphanage during the year.

The Women's School.—Forty-four women have been in attendance, thirty of whom have taken the Bible Woman's course of study, and all but two, who went up for final examination at the district conference, passed in their studies. All these women do well in their studies considering the great hindrances they have. Twelve went out this past year with their husbands to do Christian work. These are all members of the Epworth League and the Woman's Missionary Society and contribute of their small means towards its funds.

Medical Work.—Miss Christiancy, M. D., in charge of the medical work in Bareilly was compelled to come home during the year. Of the work she says :

"We record another year of work in aid of the sick and suffering and note with pleasure more of the Spirit of Christ in the workers, also a growing confidence on the part of the patients, and an intelligent comprehension in those, best acquainted with us, of the object and spirit of the mission.

"In the face of the statement of kind-hearted but misinformed writers to the effect that non-Christian hospitals should be established for women, because the people are afraid of missionaries, I must say that, after nearly seven years acquaintance with the people of North India, in the Zenanas, in villages, on the railway, or as patients in the hospital, and as habitual or occasional visitors to the dispensary, I have yet to find one afraid of the Medical Missionary, because of her religion.

"True, some persons are afraid of the foreigner ; and on one occasion all the medicine that had been sent to a village was returned, because the inhabitants feared they would be taxed to pay for it. But, when they learned that it was given by religious teachers who paid for it and asked only for the acceptance of what they offered, one man said, 'I have had this fever so long, I am going to take the pills.' All the others followed his example, and not only asked for the medicine, but became friendly with the foreigners."

Zenana Work and City Schools.—Miss Scott, a daughter of Dr. T. J. Scott has given efficient help in the city schools. She says :

“The work in city schools, here as elsewhere, does not seem to bear immediate fruit in conversions to Christianity. This is discouraging but there is beyond doubt a leavening power, broadening their narrow, ignorant minds, thus preparing them for greater light, and breaking down prejudice against Christians. These girls, becoming wives and mothers, will not stand so much in the way of men of the household, who by reason of education are less bigoted and more ready to accept Christ. Their lives are broadened by even the limited education they receive in these schools, and they learn to respect, and even love, the Christian women who visit them, and who can tell what precious fruit may come of the seeds of Gospel truth sown in their hearts.

“Six Bible women are employed here. Some of the women visited are very anxious to learn and are favorably inclined toward Christianity. One woman has been anxious to study medicine, and her friends have consented to let her go to Agra to the Medical School.”

Budaon Girls' Boarding School.—In this school there have been eighty pupils during the year. Three have married and gone out with their husbands to do mission work. One little girl met with a sad accident and was burned to death. The increase in the school comes from among the new converts in the villages. The school accommodations are too small and improvements are being made. Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of Dr. Wilson has aided in the work. The work on this entire district is developing marvelously, and more help is needed.

Shahjahanpore.—A beautiful site for the Boarding School has been obtained during the year adjoining the property of the Missionary Society, and well adapted to the purpose.

There are nine Day Schools with about three hundred children, and one hundred and twenty houses visited. The missionary writes, “There are many hearts, I am convinced, in the seclusion of the Zenana who love our Lord and Saviour, but they are afraid to acknowledge Him openly because of their husbands and relatives.”

Of the village work much might be said, but the expression of one woman visited, carries with it a world of meaning, “Now we are willing to be baptized. Your religion is true and what we need, but you are the first Christian woman we have ever seen.” Another said, with tears, “What can we do? All you say is true, but we are helpless, because of caste and family ties. If our husbands would only accept Jesus the women would gladly come out into the light.” In the Pilibhit circuit there is a great call for schools. The native missionary has access to six hundred families, and over two hundred have been baptized.

AMROHA DISTRICT.

The work has nearly doubled within the year. Work is done in the homes of the rich and poor, among high and low, in village and city, through needle-work, reading the Gospel, schools, friendly visits, and by all means that would win the women. Over fifty women have been baptized in the district, and the Missionary says, "There is a real enthusiasm in the work." Mrs. Hakk, the wife of the native Presiding Elder has charge of this district. In one of the native circuits within this district, the poorer classes have a greater tendency towards Christianity, and are intelligent and apt to learn, and among this class two hundred and twenty-two were brought to Christ.

On another circuit the native teachers were driven out of the houses, and for a few days the people of one village consoled together not to allow any Christian man or woman in their houses. For a month the work was stopped, but says one of the native teachers, "We explained all our difficulties to the Lord, and after a while both Hindoo and Mussulman women came to our houses and apologized, saying, 'Sisters, don't think in your minds that we were displeased with you, our husbands did not like to have you come, they said you Christian women have got a charm by which you make every one Christians.' We commenced work again and soon saw all opposition removed." Many are calling for baptism in this district.

OUDH DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS I. THOBURN,
MISS PHEBE ROWE,
MISS F. PERRINE,
MISS L. SULLIVAN,
MISS F. SCOTT,

MISS M. E. LAYTON,*
MISS S. MCBURNIE,
MISS C. DOWNEY,
MISS D. FULLER,
MISS A. GALLIMORE.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. S. KNOWLES,
MRS. D. E. MONROE,

MRS. C. L. HOSKINS,
MRS. J. W. WAUGH,

MRS. A. T. LEONARD.

*Deceased.

The change of Conference lines will take from Oudh District Allahabad and Cawnpore, but they are included in the report for this year. Beginning with Lucknow, with its many forms of missionary work, we find great progress in all lines of effort. The Zenana work under Miss Sullivan has changed in some respects. Not only has the city been distriated, but regular work has been prosecuted in the surrounding

villages, twenty-four of which have been visited, and here great numbers of men, women and children gather to hear the Gospel message. Miss Sullivan has three assistants and six Bible women. Many have been brought to Christ through this work in the past year. Besides the Zenana work there has been regular work among the sick and poor English-speaking people in Lucknow. Miss Tucker, the visiting deaconess, has made twelve hundred calls, reading and praying when permitted, distributing tracts, gathering children into schools, holding neighborhood prayer meetings, and doing the Lord's errands, leaving results to Him. The Home for Homeless Women proves a refuge and *home* for many sin-laden women. There have been some conversions, ten baptisms, and several triumphant deaths. They are taught industrial work as well as book learning, and a number have gone out as teachers or helpers, and three have been married. Six blind women are cared for, and Miss Sullivan hopes to have a special home for these and many others similarly afflicted. Another feature of the Home is the coming of Europeans and Eurasians, of the better class, some to be lifted from the bondage of opium, or the drink habit, some from immorality, and some for a Christian home and protection.

The story of the Evangelistic work of Phebe Rowe and her assistant Evangelist, Caroline Richards, would fill more space than we have for the whole district. What a story of toil and triumph, going from village to village, visiting melas, speaking from the steps of the great red temple at Brindibere, again under a tree or in an open courtyard, by the wayside, and in city street. Miss Rowe says: "The converts are coming by the hundred. Persons earning but one dollar a month contribute to carry the Gospel to those 'further on.' The work is immense, and men and women are needed everywhere to teach these new converts." The Woman's College and Girls' High School is full to overflowing, though six new rooms have been added to the dormitories for pupils and two for teachers, besides two new class rooms, and the main hall has been enlarged. The teachers and boarders number 120, besides the large number of day scholars. The pupils are of all ages, from six years to womanhood. One ambitious mother entered with her two grown daughters, and submitted to all the rules conscientiously. There has been growth in character and progress in every line of work. The Christians of North India have a growing interest and faith in the education of their daughters and are willing to pay for the privilege, so very few requests for scholarships are made, and school bills are promptly paid in most cases. The Kindergarten Department about to be opened will make the curriculum complete, laying the foundations for observation and thought at the bottom, and building a thorough

Christian education thereon. There is a Teachers' Class, an Epworth League, a Missionary Society, and the older girls are teachers in the city Sunday Schools.

Cawnpore. Zenana and school work have been under charge of Miss Downey. The native Christians' Day School has grown most encouragingly. The Zenanas have been faithfully visited, village and Mahulla work prosecuted, and the ghat and hospital work, fruitful of good. Mrs. Hoskins has a school for Christian women in the mission compound, a school where the teaching ranges from the alphabet to the fourth year's course in Bible study. She oversees evangelistic and Bible women's work at four points on the district, and many who sat in darkness have seen a great Light. The Girl's High School has passed a year of trial. It was thought when Miss Layton took charge at the beginning of the year that a new era of prosperity was before it, but God, "who is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind," called her home, and "being ready she went in, to be forever with the Lord." The burden on Miss McBurnie was heavy, but she was assisted by other missionaries as far as possible, and the school went on. At the meeting of the Finance Committee in August it was decided to change the basis of the school, making it as cheap as Lucknow, but English instead of Anglo-vernacular, and reduce expenses accordingly. It is hoped by this to open a way out of the difficulties which have burdened this school for several years. Sitapore Boarding School continues under the efficient care of Mrs. Monroe and her two assistants. Sixty-nine girls have been enrolled in the school, and thorough work is done in the school room, while the girls are trained to take their part in Sunday and week-day meetings, Epworth League, and Temperance and Missionary Societies. In caring for the Day Schools and Zenana work, Miss Fuller has two assistants and eight Bible readers. Some Day Schools were cut down for lack of funds; those kept up have done well. The Sabbath School work on this district has always steadily advanced. During the last year the schools have increased from 14 to 20, and have doubled in number of pupils. Forty-two villages are regularly visited, and the men, women and children reached in this way number thousands. The heat was unusually oppressive the past season, but the faithful Bible women kept on without cessation, and God has owned and blessed their labors.

Gonda. Zenana work, under care of Mrs. Knowles, has grown like all other work in North India. Gonda City has about 250 families who are regularly visited, besides forty-four villages lying near, in which the Bible women have access to about four hundred families. Besides this, there are Sunday Schools and Day Schools, and many inquir-

ing the way of salvation. At *Manakpur* two Bible women have large classes under regular instruction, and numbers have been baptized. *Nawabgunge* and *Colonelgunge* have each a Girl's School and large Zenana work. At *Ellenpur* twenty were baptized at one time. Three hundred women are under special instruction at Balrampur, and many have been added to the church, while a new work has been opened among the Chumars in the *Chandanpur* jungle, and a large number have been baptized. The Girls' Boarding School at Gonda, under Miss Gallimore, has had prosperity, if crowding 54 teachers and pupils in the rooms intended for 25 can be regarded so. But the school examinations showed good work had been done, and the growth of Christian character has also been marked. An Epworth League, King's Daughters and a Missionary Society have all helped the girls in finding out how to help others.

Allahabad. Here are one Day School, one Sunday School and two Bible women under charge of Miss Clark. Some fruit has already been gathered, and more will be as the workers increase. *Barabanka* is a large circuit, with six outlying stations. School work has never been received with much favor, but Bible women's work has been prosecuted vigorously and the villagers hear God's word willingly, and numbers have been baptized. Thirteen Bible women are employed and find open doors everywhere. In *Bariach* there are two Girl's Schools, where Christians, Mohammedans and Hindu children are all taught together. Five Bible women are regularly employed in Bariach, and at three stations on this circuit three others carry the Gospel message. The native pastor reports that not only is the story of salvation told, but women are confessing Christ and receiving baptism. Mrs. Tupper, the pastor's wife at *Hardui*, says: "Our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society fund was so cut down this year that much of the work had to be stopped. Two schools were closed, and many Zenana houses, that were so distant that conveyances were needed. The Zenana workers of our circuit have done the glorious work earnestly and faithfully, throughout the year, some on half pay, some on less. Thank God that the sisters do not work because they are paid." In *Shahabad* there is a Girl's School and two Bible women. At *Sandilla* a Bible woman and a flourishing medical work, under Mrs. Wahid. All the stations have been richly blessed. *Unao* is a large circuit, where five Bible women are employed, and in the six outlying stations eight more visit Zenanas, hold evangelistic meetings, and in every one of these stations there have been numbers gathered into the fold. Here, too, the cutting off of funds has been severely felt. The general statistics for Oudh District show a large increase in scholars and women under instruction. Most of the Day

Schools now are taught by Christian teachers. There is advance on every line of work, educational and evangelistic. The spirit of giving seems to follow conversion, and the poorest want to give something to support the Gospel and send it on to the regions beyond. There is not one station named but is pleading for more workers. The fields are white to the harvest, but the laborers are few.

KUMAON DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS S. A. EASTON,
MISS ANNIE BUDDEN,

MISS RUTH SELLERS,
MISS MARY REED,

MRS. M. C. WHITBY.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. H. GILL,

MRS. J. T. McMAHON,

MRS. H. C. STUNTZ.

Naini Tal, Pithoragarh and Pauri are the centers of work in this district. Misses Easton and Sellars have charge of the Girls High School at the first named station, where one hundred girls are in attendance. In this school there has been continued growth and development through the year. We quote from Miss Easton's letter, "As whoever does not advance must lose ground, I must say that at the inspection there were fewer indications of failure and the inspector's endorsement was more hearty and his commendation unqualified. The new girls are mostly young so most of our work falls into the lower standards. It is a pleasure, a joy, it is remuneration to see the gain character exhibited among the older girls. Some give unmistakable evidence of a change of heart. If in all other things we rejoice, we have greater cause for thanksgiving for the indications of spiritual growth. In the missionary bands have been also prayer meetings led by Miss Sellars and the seed sown in them has shown its blade in the Sunday evening meetings and its fruit in the daily walk and conversation of many of the girls. We have cause for gratitude in the material and educational prosperity of the school, but after all, character building is our great call and business. May the results of this year, be the earnest of the years to come, till each girl in Wellesley realizes that for her 'to live is Christ.' I cannot speak in sufficiently high terms of Miss Sellars. All the girls love her, and well they may! Her work has been too hard this year and I have been powerless to lessen it." Mrs Whitby superintends the Zenana and Day School work at Naini Tal, was ill and therefore unable to send her report. Miss Easton writes of her: "Mrs. Whitby your efficient missionary here is disabled, has had to leave her work and there are no competent hands to take it up. She never

spared herself but superintended her schools, taught her Christian women, assisted the native pastors, carrying many threads in her hands. The sparse population of the hills makes the work difficult, hence a woman like Mrs. Whitby at home on horseback, using Hindu as readily as Urdu is just the one to have charge of it."

Pauri. In the orphanage here are sixty girls in care of Mrs. Gill. Substantial progress has been made during the year; some of the girls give evidence of a real heart experience.

Pithoragarh. The work here includes a Girls' School, numbering eighty girls, a school for boys where thirty-five are enrolled, the Women's Home with sixty inmates, and the village work consisting of seven Day Schools containing more than two hundred girls all in charge of Miss Budden. The Christian Community numbers two hundred and fifty and there are wide open doors in all directions. Miss Budden says, "I yearn to be freed from other duties that I might go about among the people, telling them of Jesus and His salvation, but with all the claims upon my time it is impossible. So while I praise the Lord for the help and strength He has so wonderfully granted me I cannot help feeling that the work is not done as it should be, and this because no one woman can do the work of three. The Lord knows I have striven to do my best and in all my mistakes and shortcomings I pray that He will "undertake for me" and make up all my deficiencies.

Mrs. McMahon reports the work on the Pithoragarh circuit as follows: "We have three hundred Christians here. It would inspire the friends at home to see our Sunday congregation. Two-thirds are women and girls. It is a pretty and cheering sight. The women and girls in their clean, white chuddars fill one side and on the other the little girls are in front, the small boys next and the older ones back, all sitting on the cotton carpeted floor. Miss Budden leads the singing at the organ and all join heartily. Your Miss Budden is quite a wonderful woman, I sit at her feet with the feeling of a child. She has such mastery of the spoken language of the people, her sympathy and deep interest in all their concerns, her earnest prayer and labors, mark her whole movements. I think you know, she carries on a farm. Her widows and homeless women beat the clods, sow the grain, weed the fields cut the grass and grain and work as they would living in their own villages. I was much interested in the native fashion of weeding the millet fields last month. Two men with hour-glass-shaped drums were hired who swayed themselves to the beat of the drums and sang some native story. The women were ranged along the edge of the terraced field, and in line they worked joining in the refrain until the field was cleared, then moved on in the same measured way to the next and the

next. Weeding that would have kept them at work three weeks in the ordinary way, was thus done in four days. All the older school girls turned in and helped, and though all the women worked early and late they seemed to consider it quite a holiday affair. At the end of the four days Miss Budden gave them each a handful of native sugar as a reward.

Since July, I have been keeping a Christian Woman's School together; five of them are taking the Bible Women's course. Four are in the first Hindoo book; these are wives who had no opportunity to learn when girls; one has been a Christian but a few months. She came a widow with four children to the Home, saying that it was her husband's dying wish for her to come and have the boys brought up Christians. He had intended to come but had put it off until too late. She has land from which Miss Budden will have the profit for her support.

Eighty persons have been baptized in the last six months. One interesting case is that of a villager, his wife and four children. He lives on his land, a poor man, but he has not come for loaves and fishes. He is very happy in having his two older boys placed in the school. You might call him an ignorant brother yet his sincerity and purpose are strong. Miss Reed is very well and is happy in her work. Just now she is translating a book which will be a help to Bible readers. Her home at Chemdag will be ready in October and then she will be two and a half miles away from us. I feel it a great joy to be here. I would not exchange places with any one except in greater fitness for this privileged work.

STATISTICS OF NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Missionaries of the Society, 17; wives of missionaries, 20; wives of native conference members, 16; assistants, 22; Bible readers, 259; Day Schools, 210; day pupils, 4,163; Boarding Schools, 13; Boarding School pupils, 736; Orphanages, 4; orphans, 198; English Boarding Schools, 3; pupils in schools, 332; Training Schools, 2; pupils in schools, 61; women under instruction about 30,000; hospitals and dispensaries, 3; patients treated, 15,000; Home for homeless women, 2; inmates, 65.

SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

BOMBAY DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS S. M. DE LINE,
MISS MARY E. CARROLL,
MISS ANNA M. THOMPSON,

*MISS MINNIE F. ABRAMS,
MISS MARY KENNEDY,
MISS I. ERNSBURGER, M. D.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. ELLEN WARNER FOX,

MRS. EDITH ELSAM.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS THOMAS,
MISS ROWBOTTOM,
MISS LENAHAAN,
MISS SEITZ,
MISS HART,

MISS SMITH,
MISS COX,
MRS. FRITCHLEY,
MISS DENCE,
MISS MULLENS.

* Home on leave.

BOMBAY.

Immediately after the last session of the General Executive Committee, Miss De Line returned to Bombay, accompanied by Miss Kennedy, who went to the relief of Miss Abrams in the school. Immediately upon her arrival, Miss De Line instituted a more systematic training of those employed in Bible teaching in the Zenanas. The Life of Christ has been studied, and a course in Old Testament history commenced, and other studies will be taken up as soon as the necessary books are supplied.

Miss De Line writes, that the workers are more spiritual than ever, and put more Gospel in their teaching, and have more eager listeners in the Zenanas.

"After visiting two Beni Israelites one day, as I was about to leave I looked at them very seriously and said, 'Estherbai, who is Jesus?' She said, 'He is the Saviour.' I asked, 'What more is He?' 'He is the Son of God.' Had she been a Mohammedan I would have considered this a decisive answer, but I questioned her further. 'Is He the Messiah?' 'Yes.' 'Is He your Saviour?' They both answered 'Yes.'" One day when teaching one of the lessons on the Life of Christ to a company of women, Miss De Line told them what Christ had done for her; how unsatisfactory her life had been before she gave herself to Him, and that when she had done this, He gave her a new nature, a

new heart, and then tried to tell her that He made her a new person. Just then Miss De Line said, her Marathi failed her for a moment, but one of the women, who had been looking straight into her eyes, and listening intently, said 'all new.' Surely the Holy Spirit helped them both. One hundred and nineteen houses are being visited regularly, and the number of listeners has varied from one hundred and forty to two hundred and twenty-eight. How many thus reached and taught the Way of Life, receive the truth into sincere hearts may never be known, but there can be no doubt that the seed thus sown will spring up and bear fruit.

In reporting her work during the year, Miss De Line wrote: "We must plod on in the same way that is now giving North India such wondrous victories, we must continue the tunneling in the Zenanas, on the hitherto non-fruit-producing City Schools, and in scattering the seed broadcast among the villages until the harvest time. It is hard to plod on, and toil on, and wait on, and all the time hear the bugle note of victory from the North. We try to keep step to the music of their march, but we find that our highway has not yet been cast up, the way of the Lord not yet prepared; so we must bend to our work, and dig, and lift, and build, and with God's help, hold on until the reaping time shall come."

School Work.—Miss Abrams says: "This has been the most prosperous year in the history of the school. In morals, manners and intellectual pursuits the girls have made marked progress. They work cheerfully, not only for themselves, but for the many little ones who have found a shelter under our roof. They also cook many of their native dishes, and have formed neater and more regular habits in all their work. Every girl above seven years of age makes her own clothes. The school has a Kindergarten Department, which 'play school,' as they call it and is a great delight to the little ones. In addition there are classes in the Primary, Middle School, and one class in the High School grade. The spiritual growth of the girls has been marked. They have organized an Epworth League. They hold literary meetings monthly, and have had a weekly prayer and testimony meeting, led in turn by the older members of the League, and are steadily developing into more consistent Christians.

"In November last, a wicked man, who had in his employ the half-insane mother of one of our oldest and most promising girls, sought to entice her away from us, but she refused to go. He then prevailed upon this ignorant woman to enter suit against me in the High Court for the possession of the girl. When summoned, I went to court, accompanied by brother Baume and a solicitor and lawyer. We con-

vinced the judge that the girl was wanted for immoral purposes, and that we were not detaining her against her wishes. He gave her her choice of homes, as she was not yet of age, and she expressed her desire to remain with me. This was considered an important case, and will be a precedent should similar cases arise. The girl is doing well, and we hope will be a good worker some day. Her mother has since died. Her daughter mourns her loss most of all, because she had not been more diligent in teaching her mother the way to Christ. She said, 'Oh, mother, can't you come back? Had I thought you would die, I would have taught you many things about the Christian religion.'

"The Bombay Home has not yet been secured. The ladies desired to purchase the property they have so long occupied, but the title was found to be imperfect, and it was abandoned. In their effort to secure a property, desirably located, for the amount appropriated, they have been advised and assisted by the brethren of the mission, but all their efforts have been up to this time unavailing. Meantime, the money already contributed is deposited in the Bank of Bombay.

"Five Day Schools have been supported, and a Sunday School held each Sunday morning. These schools are not as efficient as we would be glad to have them, but there has been improvement, and will be still more when more competent teachers are available."

KAMPTI.

Mrs. Elsam the wife of the missionary at Kampti says: "I wish I might show you our school of bright girls. The government inspector was so well pleased with the work done by teachers and scholars that he called it a model school and has given it an increased grant. Mrs. Benjamin and her daughters deserve great credit for its success. Most of the girls have put aside idol worship. Some of the smaller ones perhaps do not yet realize its sinfulness, but among the larger girls are some true-hearted Christians. One bright-faced child says that she cannot sleep without praying to Jesus, and when she is restless at night, her heathen mother asks her if she has prayed to her God, adding, 'because you know you cannot sleep unless you have done so.' Many of them would be ready for baptism if their parents did not oppose them. The evil of child-marriage greatly retards the influence the missionaries would otherwise have over the children. Oftentimes they are married to husbands twice, thrice, if not four times their age. One little one about seven years old, though looking to be not more than five, was married a few months ago. Another girl lately married attends the Sunday School regularly. Parents will often pay sums of money to the bridegroom's family to retain their daughter in their home after her marriage, and this has been done in this case. The girls promise that

even if they are obliged to go away to the husband's home they will tell them about Jesus. Many such lights are burning, dimly perhaps, in darkened corners.

"Twenty Zananas are visited each week, beside a number of villages near at hand. Women who were at first afraid lest they would be polluted by the touch of the visitor now entertain them in a friendly way, and wish to sit close beside them and give them water to drink from their own vessels. Thank God that this caste prejudice is surely being overcome."

BARODA.

Work in this station has gone steadily on with much to encourage us. Since the beginning of the year twelve villages have been opened where the Scriptures may be taught, and there are more than one hundred around Baroda to which the missionaries can go and return to the mission at night. Having given more time to the village work, the city work has not increased, as we would be glad to report, but as the people who are visited receive the missionary so much more readily, there is no reason to be discouraged at this point. Our missionaries have also been allowed to visit the penitentiary at Baroda, and to distribute books, papers and Gospels to the prisoners. Not only the prisoners but their keepers read these books, and some have come to the mission to converse about the books that they have read. Miss Thompson writes of the great need of Christian books in the Gujarati language, the books they have being few, and many of them poor translations. The missionaries themselves have translated a few, but the cost of having them printed is considerable, and there is no fund from which to meet the expense.

She also writes of the conversion of a woman whom they had been visiting ever since the mission was opened in Baroda. She finally accepted Christ as her Saviour and desired baptism, but feared that her husband would take the children from her. She finally became very ill, and it was thought that she would die. She implored her husband to allow her and her children to be baptized, and after many entreaties from her and her Christian friends, he consented, and the father promised that he would not marry the girls to heathen husbands. The native Christians kept guard over the daughters, to prevent the girls being taken away by their heathen friends. The woman finally recovered and is still rejoicing in the privilege of being a Christian.

Christians and heathen girls, and from all castes have attended the school. Some of the Parsees felt that their girls were receiving too much Gospel teaching and took them out of the school. They tried to persuade the teachers to omit this part of the teaching, but of course

they refused. Miss Thompson also told them "that if they sent their girls to the school that they must study whatever our Christian girls did, and that they would not be excused from any of the classes, and that if they remained away until after the Bible lesson was over they would be sent home, and not allowed to return until the following day. All but five of the girls were sent back and four new ones added to our number. Most interesting reports of the work done by the assistants, Misses Hart and Dence, have been received.

Medical Work.—Two dispensaries have been kept open by Dr. Ernsberger and have been well attended. As is the custom in all our hospitals and dispensaries, Gospel teaching goes hand in hand with physical healing. The patients are attentive and interested and some of them frequently stay to listen after they have received their medicine. Three Bible women are employed in this work; they also serve alternately as assistants in the medical work, and are forming many friends among the patients.

POONA.

Mrs. Fox writes, "We have one more Girl's School this year, which we ventured to open since the way seemed so providentially pointed out to us, and it has grown beyond our expectations. Miss Sunderbai Power, of whom you may have heard in connection with the recent agitation on the opium question, she having been a delegate from India to England, to plead in behalf of the suppression of the traffic in this country, has joined our mission staff in Poona. She has come to reside permanently with Pundita Ramabai in her Widows' Home, and as opportunity offers lends a helping hand to the Pundita in her labor of love, as a sister, not as a paid agent. She received sufficient from her father for her support, and devotes all her time to the dear Master's work. She gives three hours a day to our native work, chiefly visiting and teaching the mothers of the children who attend our Day and Sunday Schools, and also assists us in our Sunday School work on the Sabbath. She refuses to accept any salary, saying that she does not need it, and the work is needy.

"Our faithful Bible woman Anna Bai has died during the year. In her life as well as in her teachings, she was a faithful witness for Christ among the heathen. Her three daughters had all been baptized and while she was living attended school regularly, but since her death their father, still a heathen and a drunkard has refused to let them come to the school. Some of the girls in one of the City Schools have repeatedly refused to worship idols, on great festival occasions, plainly telling their parents that there is only one true God. They love the hymns and

Scripture verses which are taught them daily, and we have reason to believe that their young hearts do really accept the blessed truths therein taught." Three married women, over twenty years of age have been in attendance in one of the high caste schools. The husband of one of them frequently accompanies her and remains there during the whole or part of the session.

A good work is being carried on in Poona among the sweepers, and there have been a number of baptisms among the women.

MADRAS.

MISSIONARY.

MISS GRACE STEPHENS, in charge of Orphanage, Zenana work and Schools.

ASSISTANTS.

MRS. JONES,
MISS DE JORDAN,

MISS SHAW,
MISS CHATTERTON.

There is a problem connected with the work at Madras, the solution to which is worth finding. It is this : How can one woman carry the responsible work entrusted to Miss Stephens, do it so well, and report it so fully and with such regularity ? Her semi-monthly letter is anticipated with as much confidence as we look for the return of the Sabbath, and her works praise her in the gates. The answer must be that "she has learned the happy art of being careful for nothing, but in everything with prayer and supplication to make her requests known unto God." Though her work for the past year has been more administrative and less executive than formerly, it has been no lighter.

Zenana and Village Work.—In this she has been assisted by Mrs. Jones. This important work is still doing much to bring about Christ's kingdom in Southern India. Over 1,100 women have heard in their homes each month the words of life. Two hundred women are pupils under systematic instruction. For the year closing December 17, 1891, 1,500 visits are reported, and 7,422 lessons were given, and from January 1, 1892, to August 30, 4,259 lessons are reported. So numerous and so importunate were the calls to Zenanas and villages uncared for, that Miss Stephens felt obliged to strike from her roll 53 names that had been longest under instruction, and bitter were the wails in consequence. In the majority of cases both visits and lessons were appreciated. Husbands have said, "My wife knows how to read now ; she was an ignorant, stupid woman. Give her more sense." They have

expressed great satisfaction with needlework done by their wives and daughters, and in one instance reported, the mother-in-law was so pleased with the daughter's success that she took lessons herself. With all this secular and industrial teaching, Scripture instruction goes hand in hand, and Bible verses and Christian hymns are repeated by the pupils. Best of all, the truth lodges in the heart, and during the year eleven have professed faith in Christ.

Day Schools.—The year opened with two schools in the city—one for high caste, Brahmin girls, the other for low caste girls. One old woman, hearing for the first time the blessed words in St. John's Gospel, 3: 16, said, with much earnestness, "Put my finger on that and read it again, and read it slow." Then added, "O bring me a book like that, and teach me how to read it. *God so loved!* O, I will say it all the time till you come again." Others say: "Why haven't we been told of Jesus before—you must tell us more about Him before we can worship Him." Others are ready to be counted Christians at once, if the missionaries will pay their debts, give them rupees or rice. Some seed falls on stony ground, some on good ground. Three Bible readers have been constantly employed in the Zenanas and in the villages.

Quite recently she has opened schools in villages five and six miles distant from Madras—one of them in response to a petition from sixty men, saying "Our children are a wild lot—come and tame them." And they were wild. At first it seemed impossible to have it other than a battlefield, so constant was the hair pulling and fisticuffing. But the angel of peace drew nigh, and Miss Stephens said the first sign of improvement she saw was that they stopped fighting and quarreling while she prayed. It is not yet a *model* school, but there is constant improvement. In one school 35 girls and boys are crowded into the small, low room, while others stand outside, envious of those that are within. A poor, dark boy, who had hung around the building for days, watching eagerly for a few inches of space within that he might occupy, came, without a stitch of clothing, bringing a pice that he earned to buy a book, and would render any service to the Mem Sahib, if she would but teach him to read. To some of these villages, too far away to open schools, Miss Stephens has arranged to send a Bible woman once a week, for two hours at a time, and adds: "It is so little, but the very *best I can do.*"

Orphanage.—The Home they occupy is admirably suited to their needs, but as it is a *rented* building they cannot help feeling some anxiety lest they be displaced.

Woman's Friend.—The *Woman's Friend* has, until recently, been a part of her care, she being the acting editor. It has been not

only a supplement to oral instruction, but in homes that the living messenger could not enter it has gone and silently done its work. It has won encomiums of praise from native gentlemen, and seven missions beside our own, use the paper and derive help from it. Two thousand, seven hundred and fifty copies have been distributed.

KOLAR.

Mrs. Hollister, in charge of the Orphanage, writes : " This past year has been a trying one to the missionaries in Kolar, owing to the long continued drought and the corresponding high price of food, which has affected the Orphanage more or less. During July heavy rains fell, dispelling the fear of a water famine, and making the lot of our poor people a little bit easier.

" The school has done well. Eight of the girls have been married during the year, and all to men connected with the mission, and to all appearances are happily married. Twelve of the girls have been baptized. There are a number of girls that will soon make efficient helpers."

Village Work.—Mrs. Richards, in charge, says : " The work of the Bible women has been carried on faithfully and with some measure of success. They have had access to many heathen homes, both Mahomedan and Hindu. Many of the women seem anxious to hear about Christ.

" They are also visiting seven villages, from distances from four to seven miles from Kolar. In some of these villages they are well received, but in two of them the people have not yet consented to listen to them.

" When I see the dense ignorance and superstition of these simple village people, and their willingness to listen to the words of life, how I long for the time to come when there will be sufficient workers to tell the glad tidings of salvation to all these perishing ones.

" I have succeeded in starting three small schools in three different sections of Kolar, and trust that from these small beginnings there may come large results. One has fourteen, one twelve, one ten scholars enrolled."

HAIDARABAD.

MISS L. E. BLACKMAR,

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LOUISA HAEFER.

ASSISTANT.

MISS CLARA WARD.

Miss Blackmar upon the recommendation of her physician, requested of Bishop Thoburn at the session of the South India conference in December '91, a furlough of three months. It was granted, and she sought and found rest in Florence, Italy, where her health greatly improved.

In reporting her work Miss Blackmar says, "I have a very efficient assistant in the person of Miss Clara Ward, who is ready to help in every way possible and has been with me two years. My second assistant is a younger sister, Miss Constance Ward. She began work in February. She teaches both Tamil and Telegu. The son of one of our women, a lad of eight years, has learned to sing, and has so far taken to heart the lessons he has learned in the Sunday School that he refused to join the family in idol worship, and more than once has been severely beaten. The opening of the City Girls' School had to be delayed till my return from furlough—I arrived the night of June 30. During July I opened two City Schools, one for Marathi girls in the heart of the city. It being an entirely new thing, the people are slow in sending their girls, but their confidence increases, and I am happy and consider it a success that seventeen bright little girls are in regular attendance and others are promised. The second school is for Mohammedan girls and is outside a city gate across the river. Thirty-three names are on the register and a Mohammedan woman is teacher. I was looking about for a suitable place to open a third, and was called to a house near the Nizam's palace where a room was offered, but the rent was too high and the teacher wanted more money for her salary than I have to spend on the school, so I named my terms and left her to consider. The Mohammedan holidays beginning the last week in July the work was delayed. Last week I was asked to go to a house where a woman has collected a dozen girls. A relative of the teacher who wanted a fortune at once had been advised to see what she could do about a school. She had engaged a house and a woman to collect the girls, was ready to begin on the terms offered to the other woman. After a little talk the girls were called in and they crowded in, *twenty-eight* bright little Haidarabadis. I went to see the house spoken for—it was anything but clean, and I said it must be whitewashed and cleaned up. This was Thursday, I returned Monday, and to my surprise found the house had been whitewashed and every-

thing was clean and sweet. 'This is business' I thought. The school began yesterday. They do not wish to have school Friday, that day being the Mohammedan Sunday, but decided to go on with the work as usual Sunday. I shall not object, and after a little when they become accustomed to me and lose all fear I will venture on Sunday School work. But I wonder if you can imagine the exceeding care I must constantly exercise. I have never so fully understood the Saviour's command, 'Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves.'

The English Girls' School in our house has numbered thirty this year. Miss Haefer has been working at it but does not wish to continue, as she desires native work next year, and the school needs a capable, energetic, experienced woman who can give her heart and entire time to it. My schools are opening doors of Zenanas, and I must be free of all other care. I am persuaded this is God's time for this school work to be pushed on. I have had so little difficulty in beginning where I anticipated difficulty, I conclude it is God's time to answer my prayers continued to Him for two years or more concerning the schools.

A good property has been secured and we are considered fortunate in having such a fine location. Since my return I have resumed teaching in but one Zenana, but I give two hours daily. It is really a small Zenana school, four nice girls, the daughters of Nawab Sarwar Jung my pupils. The eldest reads well and has a Bible lesson daily. As soon as my schools are well settled I shall begin to visit the Zenanas where the girls live. The opportunities before me are many, still I must work slowly, more so than I enjoy. I have also some general work as secretary to the Blue Ribbon Gospel Temperance Union Soc. and to the Woman's Missionary Society and am member of the Committee of the Y. W. C. A. recently organized. I have a busy life and it is well.

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Included in this Conference are three districts, viz: Bombay, Madras and Haidarabad.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 11, stationed as follows: Bombay, 6, Baroda, 2, Madras, 1, Haidarabad, 2; medical missionary, 1; married ladies in charge, 4; assistants, 16; Bible readers, 13; Day Schools, 21; pupils, 772; Orphanages, 4; orphans, 132; women under instruction, about 1,200.

BENGAL CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

Rangoon.

MISS JULIA WISNER,

*MISS ESTELLE FILES.

MISS FANNY PERKINS,

Calcutta.

MISS EMMA L. KNOWLES,

MISS REBECCA DAILEY,

MISS KATE BLAIR,

MISS ELIZABETH MAXEY.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. F. W. WARNE,

MRS. C. P. HARD,

MRS. W. P. BYERS,

MRS. H. JACKSON,

MRS. A. S. VARDON,

MRS. M. G. BUSBY.

MRS. N. MADSEN.

* Home on leave.

This Conference includes four Presiding Elder's Districts, extending over a large territory. The Districts are Burmah, Calcutta, Central India and Mussoorie.

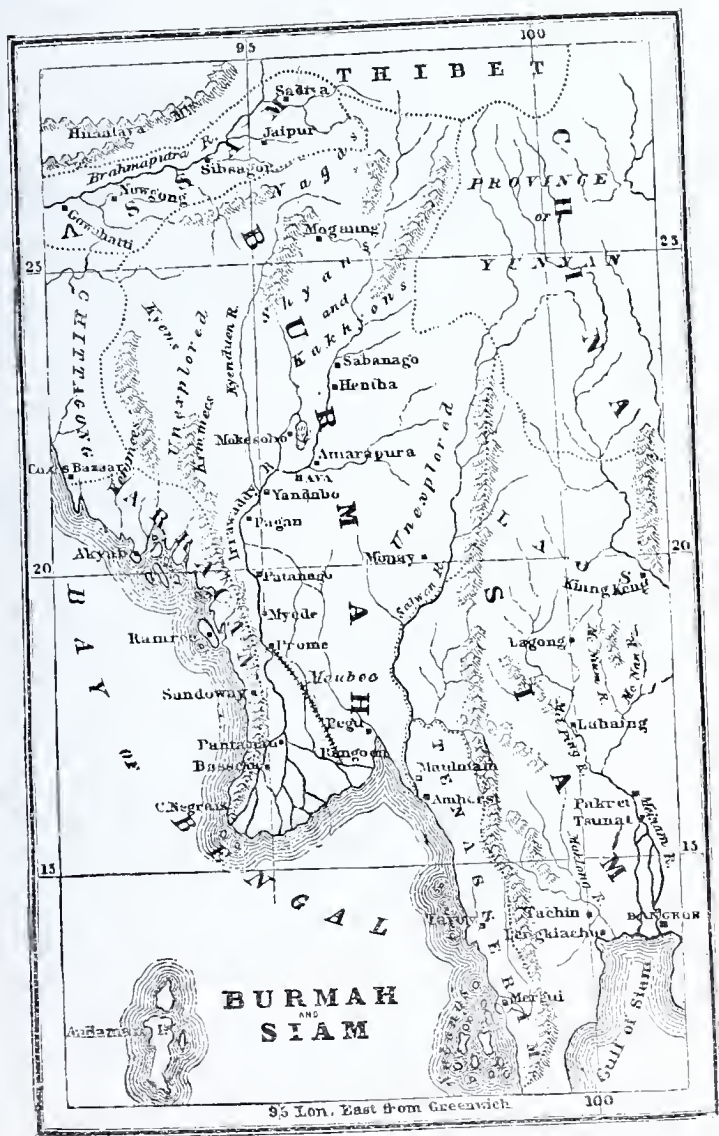
BURMAH DISTRICT.

Rangoon.—During the year Miss Scott, who had rendered such efficient service in superintending the Orphanage, was obliged to seek a change of climate, and Miss Perkins assumed the duties. Her assistant is a young girl trained in the Boarding School. The Orphanage is filled to its utmost capacity, and a new building is to be erected from local funds. Miss Wisner returned to Rangoon about Christmas time, and engaged again in the work with all her renewed vigor.

The Kindergarten Department is greatly improved because of the knowledge of methods gained by her three years' stay in America. This department is very full and is in great favor with the parents. "The children cry to come," they say.

The Girl's School numbers 150, of whom 60 are boarders and children from the Orphanage. Miss Perkins has done thorough work, as the large number of children who passed examinations will show, as well as the many who have been led to Christ through her earnest efforts.

The *new* feature of the work of the year is the Burmese Girls' School, which is held on the veranda of the parsonage, the teaching being largely voluntary. These scholars are of the better class, and pay a tuition fee of from eight annas to one rupee per month. Already



application has been made for board, and a Girls' Boarding School is a feature of our work that will soon call for help. That this is a door of wonderful privilege, none will deny.

Miss Wisner writes, May 19, 1892: "We are employing two Bible women—Ma Zan and Ma Ngnay Lone. The former conducts a Day School for Burmese girls, and spends much time in visiting the homes of pupils. The school is three weeks old, and we have twenty-seven children. I sometimes visit the homes with the Bible women, and feel that we have great cause to thank God for the opportunity of working among this class. Of course, they do not come among us for the purpose of being taught Christianity, but we manage to teach them something every day. Already they can sing 'Jesus loves me,' as well as it is sung in our Christian schools. Both of our Bible women are Christians, and have been educated for Christian workers in one of the Baptist Schools."

CALCUTTA DISTRICT.

Hindustani Mission.—MRS. F. W. WARNE (in charge), MISS L. CAMPBELL, Assistant.

The opportunities for work among Hindustani women and children are daily increasing. Since the last report the Howrah Girls' School has doubled the number of girls on the register. These are gathered by the teacher each day and taken to the school and then taken home at its close. The City School (Calcutta) has lost nine of its pupils. A Hindu girl is not allowed to attend school after she becomes betrothed, and for this reason two of our most promising pupils have left. This school, with all drawbacks, has a regular attendance of 28. In a part of the suburbs called Narkul Danga, there is a good opening for a school—we have there now 15 girls—and also for house to house visiting. One woman could do both the teaching and visiting for a time, giving half a day to each. We are starting this new school on faith and a very little money, hoping God will open some consecrated purse to give us Rs. 6 a month to keep it going.

The Zenana work in this city is very interesting and encouraging. In many cases the women come and call us into their houses, and after listening to what is read, ask intelligent questions. This is not a common thing among native women, and shows their interest all the more. The women of 61 houses are taught, or read to from the Bible. Many more houses could be visited, but thinking it best to undertake only as much as can be well done, we do not take any more.

Calcutta Girls' School.—Miss Knowles who has had charge of this Boarding School of two hundred girls for three years past makes a very interesting report. Ten of the girls within the three years have gone out to do Christian work, some as teachers in our own mission and some to other missions.

Miss Knowles writes: "Our Literary and Missionary Societies have been particularly interesting and there is a quiet subdued influence which betokens the aid of the Divine Spirit. We need nothing so much as the power which this agency can give us. Last night at the prayer-meeting a number of the girls arose for prayers, and to-day Mr. Warne is taking them for some special instruction.

"We have been praying for these girls and while we could see a good moral tendency and womanly improvement in many, we have often deplored the fact that they were not saved by faith. As Miss Dailey and I were going to meeting last night, we felt a peculiar assurance that the spirit was present. Mr. Warne's subject was 'I will sprinkle clean water upon you, Ezekiel 36. It seemed to touch many hearts and teach them their need of cleansing. One dear little girl who is on our Mission Fund, says this morning that she is saved and we are hoping for much among others. A young girl who has lately come among us from the Union Zenana Mission ladies, I think is probably the direct agency by which God is working. She was brought up in the Native Orphanage (Miss Gardner's) and Miss G. thinking it would give her a little association with girls in an English school before taking her into the Mission house as worker sent her here for a few months. She is a beautiful Christian and a thorough Bible student. One among the girls, she can reach them as we teachers cannot and they feel her superiority, although she comes from a native school. We are very thankful for her being here.

"To complete the preparation for workers we need very much a class for training them, after they leave the Government Examinations here. Poor Miss Layton! that was her own cherished plan, which she was never permitted to carry out."

Deaconess' Home.—Although Mrs. Bishop Thoburn, the founder of our Deaconess' Home in Calcutta, had planned so wisely, yet when she left us for America last January, we felt very helpless and very hopeless. We did not know how to gather up the broken threads of the different branches of work that she had started. While the borders of our Home have not been enlarged, it has been rooted and grounded, and we have been made to know that God is for us and with us. Our first object has been to make our Deaconess' Home a real Christian home, not only for those who dwell within its walls, but we wish to give of this home love, to all whose lives we touch. We count it

a great privilege to have a little part in founding a Home where each one of our Father's children may feel he or she has a true welcome.

Our English work has been full of interest. Eight hundred and fifty visits have been made to the hospitals of the city. One of the young ladies of the Christian Endeavor Society of our church has furnished a key that has opened to us the door of many a heart. Each week this young lady has sent us three or four dozen dainty bouquets with a text of Scripture attached. We have had many interesting incidents in this work. We will give but one. A man who had fallen a victim to the demon of intemperance had placed one of these texts in the corner of his mirror. As he walked the floor in awful agony, fighting the temptation to go out and drink, his eyes fell upon this text, and God used it as the weapon that defeated Satan. This man has lived an earnest, normal Christian life for eight months.

Seven hundred visits have been made to the homes of the people, where we have read and prayed with those who could not or would not come to the public service of the church. The interest in our young people's meetings has steadily increased. A Ladies' Dorcas Society has recently been organized. Just what the young women do may be of interest to you. In our schools there are boys and girls who have no friends. These have been supplied with clothes. They have become responsible for the support of one little boy who is a friendless orphan. Not long since a little boy who had been deserted by his father fell ill in our Boy's School. The young ladies collected money and clothes to send him to the hills, where he is now growing strong and rosy. But the greatest work has been the normal development of Christian character in our young people. Over 200 visits have been made to the grog shops, where men and women have been invited to church and tracts in different languages have been given out.

Over one hundred meetings have been held. Our Home has not only been open for meetings, but we have tried to welcome the stranger. In April a young lady came to our door with these words: "I wish to see Bishop Thoburn. I am a missionary come to India under strange circumstances." We bade her welcome and found that she was one of a party who had come to enter Thibet, but finding that she could not go on with her party, she had stopped in Calcutta. She stayed with us till July, when she went to Bareilly to take up work in our Orphanage, where she gives promise of being an efficient worker.

One Deaconess has charge of the Bengali work. Zenana work in Calcutta among the Bengalis is small, owing to one or two reasons. It is not properly Zenana work at all, as we have very few large houses, and most of our work is done among the poor. We do not attempt to

teach, but our aim is to build up the native Christian women, who are sadly in need of help, needing instruction in nearly everything. If called to any house, our Bible women never refuse to go because the inmates are not Christians, or are not members of our church, unless by so doing they interfere with the work of some other mission, but their chief care is the native church.

We have at present two schools in the city, and two in the villages south of Calcutta. Those in Calcutta we call "the big school" and the "little school;" one having on its rolls nearly a hundred girls, and the other containing about thirty children. It is a pleasure to visit this little school and talk with the children seated on the clean mat, and listen to their eager attempts to recite. The only furniture the room contains is the afore-mentioned mats and a stool for the teacher. The larger school was examined by the Inspectress of Schools a short time ago, and she was much pleased with the work done by the girls. I was told that she classed it among the best in the city. We employ three teachers in this school, one of them being a woman of rather superior attainments, as native teachers go. Last year, under her instruction, three girls successfully passed the Fourth Standard examination.

The *Woman's Friend* in Bengali is prospering. Seven hundred and fifty copies are issued bi-monthly, and of these our women get about twenty-five. The remainder are sent all over Bengal, to all or nearly all the different missions. We are trying to make this little paper as helpful as it can be made.

Muzafferpore.—The work in this district has as yet been mostly in Muzafferpore, 275 miles from Calcutta. In Sitmauri, Danburgar and Chapra there are Girls' Day Schools taught by the wives of the native preachers in those places and some Kindergarten work is being done in each place as well. There are good openings in all these places for work if means were at hand to carry it on more extensively. In Muzafferpore is an Orphanage which began during the severe famine some four years ago when a poor native woman came with her two starving children and begged Mr. Jackson to take them in. She died from the effects of being without food so long and these children were left at the Mission. One by one others have been added to till now there are seven girls and nine boys. I will write of the girls only. One poor girl was sent by a gentleman who found her thrown into a tank to drown and rescued her, another was ruined by some vile person and is half witted, but seems much brighter for the kind treatment she is receiving and although she does not take an interest in studying is learning to sew and do work. Each poor child has a history but it would take too much space to tell it, so I only give these two. The girls are taught

four hours a day, and under an efficient native woman are learning to sew and knit. They already make their own clothes and can do very neat work. We hope to establish an industrial school where these children can learn something to make a livelihood. One, Miriam, seems to have the making of a good teacher and can be trained for our work. A building is needed for a home, now they have a building near the Mission house. Many more girls are ready to come who are without homes but with neither room nor funds how can we take them. This work of training up girls as Christians is no little one, and from their ranks we will get workers for future service. There is no other Orphanage in all this district of which this city of 6,000 is the center, except one of the Lutheran Church for their Christian Orphans only. The opening for Zenana work on a large scale with an American lady in charge is a good one, many native homes are open for teachers to establish Zenana schools and teach the women who cannot come out. Our missionary is often asked why we do not have ladies to teach in the homes. Another branch of work that has met with great success and has blessed hundreds is the Medical work. A Dispensary has been open now for about four years and has been the means of helping many suffering ones to health. This last year one of the Bareilly Orphanage young women has been doing the work, who has an Agra Medical School diploma and is competent to take charge of a Dufferin Hospital but prefers mission work. Before this Mrs. Jackson did the work till her health gave way under it. From 50 to 90 patients attend each day the higher number most of the time during the rainy season when there is more sickness. Women come in closed conveyances when they know a lady will treat them, who but for this little place would suffer on in silence as they cannot go out nor have a medical man treat them. As the women gather in the little closed court-yard of the house, waiting their turn, the Bible woman reads and explains Scripture portions to them and sings our sweet hymns in their own tongue telling them of healing for the sinsick, and of Christ—the Great Physician. If a lady Doctor from home could come to this city she would find work to do in many homes and would open doors to other things. Many ask why we do not have one and say “we would always have her, for now when our wives are ill we can only let the doctor-feel the pulse through a curtain, and tell him how our women are.” Imagine how often they help or hurt. Women come for miles; one came from a village six miles away, had just heard of the Dispensary, had been ill two years. All the help given as yet has been for one year, this year for some cause it was left without help, but other work was curtailed to keep it going as it was important.

Asansol.—Mrs. W. P. Byers in charge. This place is 160 miles from Calcutta. It is on one of the great pilgrimage highways, and the poor half-starved pilgrims often fall victims to cholera, and meet with great kindness from the Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Byers. The school which started on her veranda now has a comfortable building. The leper asylum that began under a shade tree is now enclosed by four walls. All departments of work have prospered. The school building was finished about June and is now in use. The girls number forty and are regular in their attendance. Many of them are from the higher caste and they take a great interest in the school. The baboos (educated Bengalis) tell Mr. Byers that the girls beg to come and are learning well. As they wanted to come every day in the week, Mr. Byers said they could come on Sunday but no secular lessons would be taught, but they would have a Sunday School instead. All come and listen and learn of Jesus and his love. One man said "my little girl is singing your hymns all the time." Another overheard his little daughter praying "Oh, dear Jesus, make my father a good man and give him more pay." This may seem a strange prayer, but it is a step in the right direction when it comes from Hindoo lips and will help to weaken faith in prayers made to gods of wood or stone. The children who attend school are quite different in the way they meet and treat missionaries to those who do not attend. In this school the girls pay from one to four annas a month, and this is used to buy material for sewing and knitting, and they are allowed to keep the work when it is done.

They are greatly interested in learning to sew. There is another school held in the Bazaar among the Bauri caste, it keeps up well, and is taught by the wife of one of the workers. There is another small school in one of the out villages. Mrs. Byers reports openings for several more schools in the village where we have work going on, if we only had the needed funds. In one village where we have just had property made over to us by another mission, there is great need of a school, and also a Bible woman to work among the Christian families and teach them the doctrines of our church.

The Bible woman's work in Asansol has been carried on during the year, the woman giving four hours a day in the hot season and five in the cold, to visiting and teaching the women in the homes. She visited about 25 homes a week. Just at present there is no woman at work, as she was not quite satisfactory; but one is to take up the work again in a few days. This is an important work, as the woman should be an exemplary Christian and live so that her life would be a lesson in itself. Mrs. Byers reports this as one of the best years of the woman's work in Asansol in every way, and she is much encouraged.

Pakur Orphanage and Girls' School.—In charge of Mrs. Madsen. This mission has enjoyed great prosperity this year. The health of the girls has been good. There are now 28 girls in the Orphanage. They are under the charge of an honest Punjabi Christian teacher, and are making good progress with their studies. Besides the ordinary studies, they are taught all kinds of sewing and fancy work. I wish I could send samples of their sewing in this report. It would surprise you. Beside this, each day a girl takes lessons in cooking with the woman who cooks the food, all taking turns, so that they will be able to prepare their own food and make good housekeepers when in their own homes. The spiritual teaching is not neglected either, and many during this year have found Christ as a Saviour. One girl, who was, when she came, a torment to teacher, missionary, and her companions, is now a good Christian girl, so changed that one would scarcely know her for the same. We hope from this Orphanage to get our Christian women for teachers throughout Bengal Methodism. There is need of a Bible woman here too, to instruct our Christian women and go out into heathen homes. There is every reason to be encouraged with the Pakur work this year, and our home ladies can already feel that their labors are being rewarded.

Meerut.—Mrs. E. S. Busby in charge. Work by our church has only been carried on about four years in Meerut, yet in fifty villages and towns there is a Christian community of more than two thousand, nearly one-half of whom are women and girls. It is strange that here, where the great mutiny of 1857-58 broke out against Christians and the British government, that there should so speedily be a great turning to Christ. It is another illustration of the marvelous might of the Cross, whereby it is more than conqueror, making those who were bitter and bloodthirsty enemies, friends and brothers beloved.

No caste of the people is inaccessible, and the movement of the masses of India toward Christ is perhaps nowhere more obvious than here, and the labor of Christian women is not only valuable but indispensable, and the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is more and more encouraging.

We are aiming to teach the newly converted women and girls the way of salvation more perfectly, and though the task of getting them to give up a part of their time for daily instruction is difficult, owing to their poverty, we are glad to report that in this we have recently had special encouragement, several bright and intelligent young women having commenced to read and study the Bible more than an hour each day. From among these we hope and pray that our ranks of women-workers shall be recruited. The ingathering of converts has been so

sudden that the great need above all others on the human side is qualified women workers, and for this reason the Training School for Girls, which we have opened, should be raised to the highest possible efficiency at once. Money invested in equipping this school will yield the highest possible interest. Owing to our paucity of workers, we have been obliged to confine our work almost wholly to the new converts, but in the end we believe this will yield the best results. Nearly all of the women converts in Meerut City were won through the direct agency of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

In addition to sending out the Zenana cart daily, bearing our bright-faced Bible women, whose work bears thorough inspection, we have gone with them at night to visit the mahallas, where the daily work of the women and girls prevented our finding them except at night. Here, under the brilliant starlight of the Orient, crowded up against the burning walls of the city, we have endeavored through the power of song and the preaching of Jesus, to persuade the women to give their hearts to Christ, and to these poor women the story of One who loved them so much that He died to save them from their sins, is touching. Thus we have opened up four Christian mahallas in different parts of the city.

More than 1,300 persons were baptized last year, and we believe that 1,500 will be baptized this year, and increased appropriations will be required to maintain the work in hands efficiently. If the work be properly equipped the close of the century, with God's blessing, will witness the District on the highway to Christianity, possessed with a momentum that can never be resisted until the heralds of the Cross who then bear the standard will triumphantly shout, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in."

CENTRAL INDIA DISTRICT.

Burhampore and Khandwa.—The work in charge of Mrs. Vardon at these places has had a most prosperous year. A building for orphans is urgently needed. Mrs. V. tells of a high-caste native girl who heard one sermon by a native preacher, and after two or three months' consideration decided to become a Christian. She went to the school, was baptized, and during the year has learned much, and is a beautiful singer. She is very bold in her testimony for Christ, and desires to work among her own caste as a representative of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,

Jubbulpore.—Mrs. Hard has labored here very successfully for several years, in the face of great difficulties. She has accomplished so

much that a plea now comes for a missionary. Four schools are reported, and twenty Zenanas visited. Concerning this work, Mrs Johnston, who has just returned to India, writes : " In this District are 2,000 of the new converts. We want to save the girls and educate them for future work. If you cannot give us two missionaries, give us one."

STATISTICS FOR BENGAL CONFERENCE.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 7 ; married ladies in charge of work, 6 ; assistants and Bible Women, 45 ; Boarding Schools, 2 ; pupils, 350 ; Orphanages, 3 ; pupils, 60 ; Day Schools, 22 ; pupils, 300.

The statistics of the Bengal Conference are not complete.

MALAYSIA MISSION.

MISSIONARY.

MISI SOPHIA BLACKMORE.

ASSISTANTS.

Miss Fox,

Miss Norris,

Mrs. Lewis.

I think we have had a good year's work in Singapore. Our schools are keeping up well, and we are able to do more Gospel work amongst the little ones. Our greatest need is more missionaries. I am asking for two ladies. If I am to get strong enough to come back for another term of service, I ought to get away immediately, before I break down completely. If one new missionary comes only, she will have to spend several hours daily on the language. How can she do all the work ? *We must have two.*

We are buying a property for our Day School that is to cost more than we originally intended to expend on a building. In vain we have tried to find an allotment of land to build on in the locality we need it. The owner of the Christian Institute has kindly allowed me the use of that place for our Day School, for the past year, without charging any rent. Now he is willing to sell it to us at a fair price. It is the land on which the building stands that is the chief value. It is a corner piece, is most desirable for a mission center, and is well known. Dr. and Mrs. Parker expressed themselves in favor of my buying this property, and our annual meeting recommended it.

Fourteen girls are in our Home, twelve of whom are supported by scholarships. Several of the girls will join the Malay Church, which

will be formed as soon as our Malay Missionary can get the necessary translation done. The nucleus of this church meets in our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Home for its services. Most of our older girls have given their hearts to Jesus, and are beginning to work for him. One day one of the girls put a small piece of paper into my hand. On it was written in Malay, "The Lord Jesus is my King. I trust Him to keep me always." Signed, Boon Neo. Another girl testified in our little prayer meeting, at which they all take part, "I feel Jesus is in my heart all the time." The altered expression on this girl's face speaks of the grace that has come into her heart. We have, too, a little Siamese girl who is a particularly bright Christian, ready to pray or speak at any time. Another Chinese child who does the same.

Our largest Day School, which occupies the Christian Institute, has been known as the Tamil Girls' School, because our first pupils belonged to that race. Now so many different nationalities are represented, we have changed the name to Methodist Girls' School. This school is graded up to fourth standard. Most of the instruction is in English, but our religious teaching is given in Malay. The Tamil teacher is D. Suppamma, one of the girls who came to school the day it opened. We have been having some bright Evangelistic services in the school during the past month, and quite a number of the girls have confessed to love the Saviour. We have sixty-five (65) pupils in the school.

We are still hammering away hard in Telok Ayer. Our school is in rather a prosperous state. We have twenty (20) scholars. Some of the new comers are more impressionable than those we have had in the past. The teacher, Miss Nora Wheatley, has to collect nearly all her pupils and take them to school in a closed carriage, and see them safely home again in the afternoon. We still have a fair number of homes which employ a teacher. About thirty (30) pupils are taught in this way. In all, we have 110 scholars.

During the year quite a number of the Chinese women have visited me in our home. I like this, because we have much better opportunities of talking to them than when they are surrounded by their heathen customs. Then our Mabrow, who is an unmarried Chinese woman of about forty, but who is compelled by custom to be very chary about going about visiting, is very faithful in the way she speaks to all the women who come to see us.

A woman whom I have known quite a long time, and visited occasionally, has been to see us. She wanted to know why I did not explain and talk so plainly to her before. But how often I have tried to do so, and have been interrupted.

A dear woman, who came into Sunday School last Sunday, said : " I

pray to God night and morning, and Jesus is often in my thoughts. I am so ignorant ; I know so little." May God give us His Spirit, so that we may teach her all that is essential for her to know.

A Malay woman, who had Christian instruction in her youth, but had wandered from God and right, sent for me in her illness. She wanted to know if Jesus would receive her, saying, "He says if we seek we shall find, and knock it will be opened." I was glad to be able to tell of the loving, gracious Saviour, who seeks those who have gone astray. She gained strength again, and for six months I held a little meeting weekly in her home. In our last vacation I went to Johor for a few days. When I came back I found she had passed away suddenly and peacefully on the Sunday. I had learned to love her, and missed her welcome, but am glad the seeking Saviour found her.

Dear Miss Fox has been on her rounds to the homes of the women daily. She is very hopeful over her work. "This year has been much better than last," she said to me the other day, and she is full of hope for the harvest.

The Penang Girl's School is progressing wonderfully. Mrs. Young is indefatigable in visiting the homes of her pupils and of the Chinese women generally.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 1 ; assistants, 3 ; Boarding School, 1 ; pupils, 14 ; Girl's Day Schools, 2 ; pupils, 110.

CHINA.

FOOCHOW.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS CARRIE I. JEWELL,
 MISS JULIA A. BONAFIELD,
 *MISS M. E. CARLTON, M. D.,
 MISS ELLA JOHNSON,

MISS LYDIA A. TRIMBLE,
 MISS RUTH M. SITES,
 MISS MABEL C. HARTFORD,
 MISS E. M. LYON, M. D.

Ku-Cheng District—MISS HARTFORD, in charge.

Hok-Chiang and Hai-Sung District—MISS TRIMBLE, in charge.

Hing-Hwa and Ing Chung—MISS BONAFIELD, in charge.

Foochow District—MISS SITES, in charge.

Hing-Hwa City—MRS. BREWSTER, in charge.

* Home on leave.

The Woman's Conference, which opened in Foochow November 18, 1891, was, for the first time in its history, a delegated body, the delegates having been elected at conferences previously held on the several districts. The women were invited to remain ten days, and great pains were taken to make the occasions intellectual and spiritual feasts. The attendance was good, fifteen of the teachers at one gathering bringing their babies with them. The reports submitted were very encouraging, and testimonies of devotion to the work were frequent. At the Foochow Conference it was decided, for the greater economy in expenditure of time, strength and money, to give the work territorial rather than department division, as heretofore. So the missionaries were districted as above.

The Boarding School in Foochow remains in charge of Misses Jewell and Bonafield, with Miss Sites in charge of the Department of Music. Miss Jewell says of the school: It began September 9, 1891, with 56 boarding pupils and 13 day-pupils. Total enrollment for the year 81, with 18 of the number day pupils. Educational work has been satisfactory, that of the Bible classes especially so, and the same may be said of the Music Department. Hu King Eng, while home on health furlough, rendered some assistance in the school and interpreted for Miss Johnson.

The special occasions were the Conference, the anniversary celebration of the thirty-second year of the school, and the Christmas festivities. The visit of Dr. and Mrs. Parker, of India, is spoken of as a blessing to the mission.

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Medical Work.—This department of work has been less frequently and more incompletely reported than any other, doubtless because one physician, carrying it as best she could and as far as she could, has thought reports might better be omitted than the work itself. The latest report is : Hospital patients, 64 ; at Dispensary, 534 ; calls to homes, increasing. Evangelistic work, in connection with the medical, has received from Miss Johnson and her assistants unremitting attention, and has been faithfully reported. Spiritual reception of the truth has resulted in miraculous cures, even of those under the power of demoniacal possession, and ancestral tablets and other trophies of victory have passed to her hand from those whom the Son has made free indeed. Medical students have been under training and rendered assistance in hospital and dispensary.

The Day Schools are so many beacon-lights, and are sending their blessed beams into the darkness of heathen homes.

Woman's Schools.—To adequately report the blessed influence of these would require the pen of a St. John. In these schools Christian women are trained to do religious work, and the majority of them show themselves to be workmen approved of God. Their devotion to Christ and the interests entrusted to them is most encouraging, some responding to calls so far from home as to entitle them to be ranked among foreign missionaries. Evangelistic trips taken by our missionaries with these women—some of the trips covering two and a-half months—have been greatly blessed, not only to those who were ministered unto, but to those who ministered.

Orphans.—The present method of providing for the orphans—placing them in private families—has proven unsatisfactory, and the call for an Orphanage is renewed.

STATISTICS OF FOOCHOW.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 8 ; wives of missionaries in charge of work, 10 ; native workers, 80 ; Boarding Schools, 2 ; pupils, 75 ; Day Schools, 50 ; pupils, 1,025 ; Schools for Women, 6 ; pupils, 130.

NORTH CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNA B. SEARS,
 MISS MARY KETRING,
 MISS FRANCES O. WILSON,
 MISS ANNA E. STEERE,
 MISS ISABELLA CROSTHWAITE,
 *MRS. C. M. JEWELL,

MISS LILLIAN G. HALE,
 *MISS EDNA G. TERRY, M. D.,
 *MISS ANNA D. GLOSS, M. D.,
 MISS RACHEL BENN, M. D.,
 MISS ADA STEVENSON, M. D.,
 MISS CECILIA FREY,

MISS EFFIE G. YOUNG.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. GAMEWELL,

MRS. WALKER,

MRS. HOBART.

* Home on leave.

As we come to a brief review of some of the prominent features of our work in this field for another year, and study the lessons therein contained, we shall find much to strengthen our faith and fortify our courage, despite the reverses and temporary disappointment encountered early in the year. In common with all Christian missions in the Empire, we have special cause for gratitude over the favorable attitude of the government, as shown in the proclamations which have been issued, showing that the Emperor does make favorable mention of this work, thus acknowledging our legal position. A copy of the Imperial edict granting full permission for Chinese to become Christians without in the least lessening their loyalty to their government, was placarded in the mission chapels of North China. This does not mean that all opposition has been silenced, but some of the most serious obstacles to mission work are disappearing, and opportunities for aggressive work were never greater than at the present time.

Peking.—There has been a failure in health of most of the working force of our Society in the Boarding School, three of the four teachers being obliged to leave before the close of the school year. The Boarding School has had enrolled 107 girls during the year. The interrupted journey of some of the girls, while on their way to Peking last autumn, their return to their homes under official surveillance, after having made one-half of the long journey, and then the getting under way again, greatly delayed the organization of classes, and limited the amount of school work done.

For the first time in the history of the school, there has been a class of five girls within one year of graduation in a prescribed course, and the pupils are more satisfactorily classified than ever before. Of the number enrolled this year fifty are members of the church. Nearly nine-tenths of these pupils are from nominally Christian homes, which gives a higher grade of character, both mentally and morally, upon

which to work than in any former year. Six of the pupils have been married to Christian men, and two have died, during the year. Three native teachers—one man and two of the former pupils—have been employed, and a matron for the Primary Department.

The branch Primary Boarding School at Han Sun, taught by a former Peking pupil, has been prosperous, enrolling twenty-five pupils. Despite the better circumstances of the people *this* year, as compared with last, when the school was started, and children came eagerly in and unbound their feet, for the sake of food to eat, and the fear of starvation as a pressure, *removed*, there has been no dearth of pupils, and this school has been a fruitful source of supply for the school in Peking.

Another Day School in Pei Yin, also taught by a former pupil of the Peking school, has 17 pupils. For a part of the year two Day Schools have been conducted at Tartar City, but pressure of other work obliged merging them into one. Forty-three pupils for the year. Another Day School, which seems to have given Mrs. Gamewell special delight, is on the An Chia Chuang Circuit, and its history has a tinge of romance about it, eliciting from this indefatigable worker the following: "I rejoice exceedingly in such steps towards making the Chinese church stand upon its own feet, with its hands upon its own purse strings!"

At the annual meeting in April, it was decided to divide the Boarding School into two departments—"High School" and "Preparatory." But this was not fully arranged for at last reports.

The "Training and Industrial School" has had a year of development and growth, and is destined to become a grand agency in preparing "helpers" for the wide-open doors all over this broad field.

Tientsin.—Many untoward experiences have come to the "work and workers" in this station. The inconveniences of "demolishing" and rebuilding the Home, and the entire failure of Miss Steere's health and enforced removal to another station, left Miss Wilson alone to care for the Training School, which has numbered 17 pupils, most of them bright and earnest. Miss Hale lent a helping hand during her sojourn of several weeks here, and her labors were highly appreciated. The Day School in the west city has been kept up and done fairly well.

The report of the medical work is intensely interesting. Could we give it in detail, it would send a thrill of joy through the heart of every woman interested in the salvation of China's millions! Drs. Benn and Stevenson commence their report thus:

"'Where shall we begin?' was the first thought on returning from the summer vacation. 'Where can we find a place to stop?' has since puzzled us! Indeed, there seems to be no limit to our opportunities. We regret exceedingly *our* inability to do Evangelistic work with the

medical. When the time comes that we can ourselves *teach*, as well as *heal*, and can carry the Gospel into every home we enter in city or country, then, and not until then, shall we feel that we are fulfilling our whole mission. During the rebellion our clinics were small, as the women were afraid to venture out. Hence our number of dispensary 'treatments' is smaller than the previous year. 'Home' and 'ward,' however, show an increase, while the financial report is better than ever before. We are grateful for the success attending our labors during the year. Happy in the work, thankful for enough of this language to work without an interpreter, we yet look upon those hundreds of home visitations regretfully, as so many lost opportunities which we longed to improve, but from which we were debarred by lack of language."

Tsun Hwa.—Early in November last a great panic was occasioned by the sudden announcement of a local rebellion just outside the Great Wall, only a few miles from the city, and that the rebels would soon be through the "pass" with their fury especially directed against the foreigners and Christians. At first the magistrate was much confused by the clamor of the people, then advised the missionaries to leave at once for Tientsin, furnishing a conveyance and an escort for the journey. News was received soon of the defeat of the rebels, when he issued a proclamation, making provision for the protection of all mission property, so that when the missionaries returned, they found everything they had left behind safe and undisturbed. As soon as quiet was restored, the magistrate sent a message inviting the missionaries to return. Miss Hale went back in early March, but the women and children had been so thoroughly scattered, it was impossible to do anything by way of school-work, so she went immediately about making provision for the new building. Gradually the girls have been coming back, so that Miss Hale hoped to open school in September, if her health would permit.

The great shock to both Dr. Terry and Miss Hale, occasioned by the imminent peril and precipitate flight from "their home," added to the strain of previous overwork, told very seriously on them. We have feared that Miss Hale would be obliged to come home for an entire change, but the arrival of Miss Glover—than whom a more efficient and appropriate "helper" could not have been found—will, we trust, save her from a thorough "break-down."

STATISTICS FOR NORTH CHINA.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 13; medical, on the field, 2; Boarding Schools, 3; pupils, 172; Training Schools, 3; pupils, 48, Industrial Schools, 1; Day Schools, 11; pupils, 130; Hospitals, 2; free patients for the year, 112; Dispensaries, 3.

CENTRAL CHINA.

CHIN KIANG.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. C. ROBINSON,
MISS SARAH PETERS,

MISS LUCY HOAG, M. D.
MISS LAURA M. WHITE.

KIU-KIANG.

*MISS GERTRUDE HOWE,

MISS FRANCES WHEELER,

MISS KATE L. OGBORN.

NANKING.

MISS ELLA C. SHAW,

MISS EMMA MITCHELL.

*Home on Leave.

Nanking.—In December Miss Peters began evangelistic work at Nanking. She opened meetings for women in a guest chamber about one-half mile from her house. She says: "Many women come; some were quite interested. When absent on itinerating tours, some of the women have gone away disappointed because we were not there to tell them the "Jesus Doctrine." In May we went out itinerating through a stretch of country containing many towns and villages, where no foreign woman had ever visited. We have since opened weekly meetings in one of these towns where there are 15,000 people. Here there are two Christian women, the wife and mother of the native pastor. We hope soon to open similar work in other towns and thus have centers from which to work in the country.

"In Nanking we have visited 125 houses which represent about six times as many homes, as at each house one meets a small neighborhood of women and children. We have received more than 1,000 visitors at our home. Among these visitors we met a great many who have heard the gospel here before, and who came for the second or third time and expressed much interest. One old lady said a short time since, 'there are many here who believe in Jesus.' We asked, 'do you believe?' 'I believe in Jesus, and I also believe in the idols,' she answered. She always listens to the old, old story with interest, and has taken us to the homes of her relatives that they also might hear. We believe the heaven is working in many hearts.

"The riots of the past year have advanced, rather than hindered, the work of God. Since the return of the missionaries in December, the work has been more hopeful than ever before. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. Blessed be His holy name."

Kiu-Kiang.—The \$1,000 balance from the sale of the Wuhu property, has been used to finish the school house, and a room for a Woman's School.

There is no class of Christian women here old enough to send out independently through the country villages as Bible women but the missionaries visit the villages, and when they find an inquirer they bring her in to the school for instruction.

Miss Howe writes, "As I sail along one of the country lakes, I give thanks for Mr. Blackstone's kindness which has furnished comfortable boats for country work, much of which is accessible by water. I am now two days from home and expect to be two more. All this time I am able to sleep on the boat and take a Sedan chair from place to place not near the water during the day. I meet numbers of women, who for the most part listen respectfully to the story of the Saviour's love. It is too grand a theme for their dwarfed faculties to grasp all at once. The family of a high official in Peking invited me to visit them, and as I could not go, they visited me on the boat. It is very gratifying to have their friendship, since they were formerly greatly opposed to our mission work in this part of the country. The hearts of the children of men are in the hands of the Lord."

Chin-Kiang.—*Medical Work.*—Dr. Hoag writes: "Last year we made a statement covering two years, and though we have nothing of which to boast, possibly an account of our day of small things may be an encouragement to those beginning the practice of medicine in this country, and of interest to our patrons who do not live in China.

"There has been an unusual state of unrest among the people. One day, on returning from a call in the city, a shout of children's voices greeted our ears, not unlike an Indian war-whoop. Then a shower of broken brick and tile fell on hat and shoulders and chair. The amused and satisfied faces of the men and women lining the shop doors was too much for our Yankee spirit. We went back for some distance, telling the people they ought to control the children, and that it was proposed to send the name of the street to the mandarin, and have their conduct investigated. In a twinkling the children had disappeared—they were absorbed—there had been no children! and we returned through a street of absolute quiet, leaving behind some serious faces and a few friends who had formerly received help in time of need. When the rulers say 'be quiet,' the people obey. The rulers *have* said be quiet, and upon the whole the year has been peaceful and nothing has interfered with the regular work.

"The last summer brought an epidemic of cholera, and more visits than usual were made. It is not true that these visits always result in

confidence inspired, lasting friendships formed, and precious souls won to Christ. In calling a doctor, the Chinese have first to overcome the conservatism of the more ancient members of the family, also to endure social displeasure and ridicule ; then there will remain a general skepticism as to the ability of a foreigner to succeed where the best native talent has failed,

"Near the West Gate, at a convenient distance from the city, we have for a Dispensary the premises formerly used as a chapel. It was repaired and fitted for our work through the benevolent donations of our foreign and Chinese friends. The hospital is on our compound on the hill, and consists of a small, two-story building, one ward above and one below, with suitable closets, and a wing for drug and consulting room. Visitors sometimes ask, 'Have you a hospital?' Yes. 'May we see it?' Yes. It is walked through in a few minutes, and the involuntary 'Ah!' of unfeigned surprise suggests the thought of a very big name and very little to show for it. We talk of other things, but it is of no use ; before the call is ended the insinuating question is asked in a tone of kind solicitude : 'You will need a hospital before long, won't you?' And so we will. Mrs. Chow, the nurse, was formerly a pupil in the Kiukiang Girl's School. She is very useful in the hospital and drug room ; she is a Christian, and does not hesitate to witness for Christ.

"The wife of the school teacher, Mrs. Fang, and some of the older school-girls, have taken up the work from which we so reluctantly spared Miss Peters, and have faithfully instructed the patients in Christian doctrine. A number of women have committed a prayer, a short catechism, and have gone to their homes with a very good knowledge of the way of salvation.

"An old lady brought her daughter-in-law to the hospital in the later stages of paralysis. Her mind was exceedingly clear, and before going home both mother and daughter professed to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. A dear girl of 17 came with an incurable disease, and was with us several months before her death. Her intelligent and complete trust in Jesus, and the happiness that remained with her to the end, and lighted up her face, was beautiful to see. We believe we have reason to claim for these suffering ones the promise, "When thou passeth through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." This girl was so happy here that her mother said she should be buried near the place she loved so well, and her grave is on the hillside, just outside of the compound."

Chin Kiang.—*Girl's Boarding School.*—At the beginning of this 8th "report year," whooping cough was displaying its usual partialty for the little folks, while not disdaining the older ones, in the midst of which

there came, indirectly, the disquieting news that the Nanking Viceroy had advised the American Consul to close all the Mission schools in his jurisdiction! How were we to close up with a house full of children who had no other home to go to? But the Consul kept the Viceroy's advice to himself and no notice to leave was served on us.

In consequence, however, of the possibility of being scattered, the school was continued during the morning hours through all the summer months which, fortunately, were unusually cool.

Two girls—sisters-in-law—were obliged to go home on account of their mother's death. After the customary period of mourning—seven weeks—was over, the father refused to return them. A little official aid, however, effected a compromise which secured us the better girl with an extended term of years and rid us of the unpromising one.

One girl was trusted to go home for a short vacation. We have never seen her since. Her blind father (blind in more senses than one) had always chafed to get her out and bind her feet. The mother-in-law, too, was pressing her claims, and, once in their hands, the opportunity was too good to be lost. The family took her and left the city beyond official reach. Where she is now limping out her miserable life no foreigner can find out. A while ago her little brother was boldly brought to the Dispensary by a "friend," evidently under the impression he would not be recognized. But the sharp-eyed Dr.'s assistant knew him at once and began plying him with questions about his sister. It is wonderful how little he or his bearer knew of her. They got away as soon as convenient and have not ventured to seek Dispensary favors since. We always find a bright side to every such disappointment, and, in this case, it was the conviction that more training could but unfit her for happiness in the low family to which she was going and from which there was no escape. While with us she gave good evidence of an experimental as well as a theoretical knowledge of salvation.

The Ichang riot causing the boys of the two Mission schools to leave, we looked for a like panic to seize the parents of those of our girls who had homes to take them to, but, so far as we know, there was no alarm experienced.

About this time the Mason affair occurred, revealing a plot aided by a foreigner to blow up the two Chinkiang Consulates, Custom House, and the Chief Magistrate's Yamen. "Only ten minutes between us and eternity," said a missionary lady whose home was hard by the British Consulate. "The Lord reigns," was never more clearly seen than in that telegram's arrival ten minutes before the steamer conveying the conspirator and his dynamite.

It behooved us now to think out some feasible plan for a hasty flight in case there was need. The orphans were classified and each class had

its bundle labelled and ready for an immediate grasp. It was decided to take the younger ones and their nurse across the river to the country home of one of our trusted servants, the older ones to find temporary refuge with those girls who had homes, until a way was provided to get them to Shanghai or to Japan. During the excitement and suspicion caused by the Mason affair no steamer captain would risk taking a lot of Chinese girls on board, lest the cry of kidnapping be raised, causing the sure destruction of his vessel, to which his native ship employees would lend a ready hand. It would be discretion, therefore, to leave our pupils to the friendly Chinese and get away ourselves, whose very proximity was a source of danger to them.

The captain of the gunboat, together with the British Consul and Commissioner, called and agreed upon a danger signal. These precautions taken we "laid down our hearts," as the Chinese say for "rested easy," and moved on as usual through the remaining fall and winter months.

At the close of the Chinese year an examination was held in all the branches of study pursued during the year, including the Scriptures, General History, Mathematics, Geography, Elements of Physiology, Geology and Astronomy, Native Classics, and the Evidences of Christianity. Native and foreign friends evinced a most kindly interest in patiently sitting out the sessions of this examination. The spring term ended with a literary entertainment—the first public attempt of the kind. It will please the home patrons to learn that Western methods of instruction met with generous approval from the conservative Chinese friends who witnessed these closing exercises and who listened to the essays and discussions with deep attention.

The music, vocal and instrumental, has now passed into the efficient and accomplished hands of Miss White, and has become a prominent excellence in the school course. Gymnastics has another worthy place in its curriculum through her instructions.

Two prizes have been offered by friends of the school—one for best synopsis of Martin's Evidences of Christianity, and one for the best understanding of Scripture truths.

The members of the foreign community, outside of Missionary circles, are becoming more and more interested in the school, as is shown by the contribution of numerous packages of cast-off garments to be made up for the little ones. Plenty of work is sent in by the same community for the older girls to do, such as knitting, darning and embroidery, the proceeds of which for the present is allowed to the workers. This is all accomplished out of school hours, and, as they do their own wash-

ing, mending, sewing and cleaning of bedrooms, dining and work rooms, they have the opportunity of learning to buy up the minutes.

The industrial department is still limited in scope, because of our not yet seeing the way to its extension.

Every year has been the best, and this one has been no exception, unless it be in the swifter strides made by the pupils through the faithful, conscientious labors of our assistant, Mr. Tung, who has now completed a little over one year's service with us.

SUMMARY FOR CENTRAL CHINA.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 9 ; native workers, 8 ; Medical Missionaries, 1 ; Boarding Schools, 3 ; pupils, 92 ; Day Schools not given

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JAPAN.

TOKYO DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS M. A. SPENCER, Tsukiji,
 MISS R. J. WATSON, Tsukiji,
 MISS M. B. GRIFFITHS, Tsukiji,
 MISS E. BLACKSTOCK, Aoyama,
 MISS M. G. DE MOTTE, Aoyama.

*MISS A. P. ATKINSON, Aoyama,
 MISS B. J. ALLEN, Aoyama,
 MISS E. R. BENDER, Aoyama,
 MISS J. E. LOCKE, Tsukiji,

MARRIED LADY IN CHARGE OF EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MRS. B. CHAPPELL.

* Home on leave.

Aoyama Girls' Seminary.—The number of pupils enrolled has been larger than any previous year. While there has been no special outpouring of the Spirit, there has been growth in grace, and the one pupil hitherto reported not a Christian, because of the opposition of her family, has been baptized and joined the church. The King's Daughters have been helpful in various benevolent and missionary enterprises, and the Girls' Missionary Society have supported a Bible woman in the country during the summer vacation. The class graduated in June numbered 14. They are young women of unusual gifts, who will be instrumental in the uplifting of many souls.

Miss Bender writes : " Last summer, after only a few weeks' illness, one of our youngest and most promising pupils was taken from us by death. Her gentle, Christian life, her patience in sickness, and faith in death, showed the glory and power of Christianity ; and while we marveled at the sad end of our work and plans for her, yet we know that He whose thoughts and ways are not as ours, is infinite in love and wisdom."

Miss Atkinson, in charge of this school from its organization in 1888, is now at home to regain lost health, not leaving Japan until Miss Watson's return in October, Miss Carr having kindly assisted her in teaching. Miss De Motte, sent out by Des Moines Branch, arrived with Miss Watson, and took charge of the musical department, so faithfully held by Mrs. Belknap until relieved. She has given instruction to twenty girls in instrumental music, and in vocal music to the entire school. While the Japanese are not musical, yet their ability to imitate, renders

the mechanical part comparatively easy, and Miss De Motte thinks after considerable instruction they will understand and appreciate the real "soul of music."

The Industrial Department, known as the "Harrison Memorial Industrial Home," is in charge of Miss Blackstock, who is much encouraged by its growth, and reports twenty pupils at the close of the year, of whom thirteen are Christians. The industries taught are principally Japanese. In connection with their work, an industrial class has been taught by the pupils on Saturday afternoons, and on Sundays the street children have been gathered in for instruction. These little ones would first go to the heathen temple, near by, for worship, and then come to hear of the true God. They have learned to sing Christian hymns, and recite Scripture and the Lord's Prayer. Miss Blackstock has earnestly sowed the good seed of the Kingdom, wherever opportunity has offered, and expresses confidence in the success of this work, although the present rented quarters are far too small, and owing to delay in the erection of a new building, for want of a larger appropriation, many applicants have been turned away.

The following comprehensive report of the Girls' School at Tokyo, was penned while the writer, Miss Pardoe, now deceased, was weak and suffering, but having been unable to prepare it for the Woman's Conference in Japan, she could not rest until it was written for the Conference Minutes. Feeling somewhat better, one day, she rose and summoned all her strength to its accomplishment, saying, "Now I shall feel better, since my report is ready!" It will be read with peculiar interest, as from one who, "being dead yet speaketh." Miss Pardoe was released from suffering and entered eternal rest early on the morning of August 31st. Her saintly life has left its impress upon all who knew her, and many in Japan as well as America are mourning her loss. She was sent out in 1888 by the Philadelphia Branch.

Tsukiji Girls' School.—Seventy pupils have been enrolled, and the year has been marked by a deepening of religious experience among the girls already Christians, as well as a spirit of inquiry among the others, shown in increased gentleness, obedience, and devotion to study. On Children's Day seven girls were baptized. The Girl's Missionary Society has assisted in the support of a Bible woman, and contributed to the Earthquake Relief Fund, as well as other important enterprises. Increased interest has been awakened by having the girls furnish missionary intelligence for their monthly meetings. The members of the King's Daughters Circles have helped to support an evangelist in Dr. Whitney's hospital, and secured about a thousand pieces of clothing for the earthquake sufferers. They gladly gave up their usual Christmas

gifts to each other and to their teachers, and including what they would cost, sent fifty silver dollars as their offering in money.

All the members of the graduating class promoted to Aoyama this year are Christians, and very sweet was it to hear their young voices join in singing, as their class song :

“Just as I am, thine own to be,
Friend of the young, who lovest me;
To consecrate myself to thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.”

Miss Locke was Miss Pardoe's only assistant in the English department, and although passing through severe trials and sorrows during the whole year, her faithfulness in duty, her skill in teaching, and her knowledge of Japanese, have made her services invaluable.

Miss Griffiths, besides superintending the Day Schools, filling the office of treasurer, and doing no small amount of evangelistic work, has taught all the vocal music, as well as the advanced pupils in instrumental music. Miss Nakamma, a graduate of last year, has been her assistant.

Day Schools and Bible Work.—Miss Griffiths, who carries on the work laid down by Miss Spencer, reports 567 children in the five Day Schools under her care. The Mita Day School has had the largest increase in attendance on week days and at the Sunday School. The Kanda School has had a troubled year; there was difficulty in securing good teachers, and in April the rented school buildings, together with many homes of the pupils, were destroyed by fire. All the school furniture but the baby organ was lost. The present quarters are very inconvenient, but an energetic young Christian has been secured as principal, and efforts are being made to have a suitable building erected, which can be used for school purposes. Two of the schools sent out their first graduates in April—five in all—and four of them Christians.

Miss Sagara has been Miss Griffiths' assistant, continuing to prove an invaluable helper in every department of her varied duties. Mrs. Uchara has been earnest and devoted in her work, visiting the sick, encouraging believers, and instructing those ignorant of God. She has paid 128 visits and held 85 meetings during the year, notwithstanding she was confined to her room by illness nearly four months.

Seven Woman's Meetings have been carried on during the year, well attended and spiritual. Once a month the women have all met in Miss Griffiths' own room, where Christian work, and individual responsibility as stewards of the grace of God, have been made subjects for prayer, instruction and testimony. In consequence, there is a deepening apprehension of what it means to be a Christian, and a perceptible growth in spiritual life.

SENDAI DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. E. ATKINSON, Yonezawa,

MISS L. IMHOFF, Yonezawa,

MISS F. E. PHELPS, Sendai.

Yonezawa Girl's School.—During three years the enrollment of pupils has increased from 10 to 66. The older girls have had a deeper religious experience, while many of the younger ones have felt the joy of sins forgiven. Every Wednesday noon, during a half-hour meeting, the girls have prayed and spoken frequently. At the regular Thursday meeting, the little girls, with smiling faces and happy voices, have recited Scripture verses, or prayed in their own language that God would make them good women. During the winter they were greatly annoyed by school boys on the street, who would push them down in the snow and speak rudely to them. On being asked what they said on being treated so unkindly, they replied: "We did not say anything, for we thought of how much Jesus suffered for us when persecuted, but was silent." Four bright, faithful Christian girls were graduated this year—the first graduates from this school.

Miss Imhoff, with her efficient helper, has continued the work in three villages, and given much time to visiting in the homes of the women. Frequently her heart has been cheered by the cordial welcome extended and the request on leaving: "Come many times; we want to know more about these things." One man opened his house for weekly meetings; another, after listening intently to Gospel truth for the first time, inquired if he would receive a diploma when he became a Christian. He was told that all his friends would know by the change in his daily life, and a diploma would not be needed.

Mrs. Yamaka has done faithful work in holding meetings and in visiting. Not many conversions can be reported, but a number have accepted Christianity and others are inquiring the way.

Miss Phelps has visited the Tokyo, Sendai, Aomori and Yokohama Districts for evangelistic work, accompanied by an efficient Bible woman. She has held women and children's meetings, and found many open doors. In Morioka, the people of the hotel were much interested, and in Shirakawa, the mill girls came in large numbers to sing and to listen to Bible teaching from pictures. At a second visit the obaasan (old lady) in the hotel was baptized, and one of the mill girls had openly professed faith in Christ.

During the winter Miss Phelps remained in Yokohama a few weeks, holding six weekly meetings. One of these was with an industrial class of thirteen little girls, who are learning to embroider that they may earn

their own support and help their parents. Some women in regular attendance at one of these meetings, feeling the use of tobacco to be inconsistent with a pure, Christian life, found a rich blessing in giving it up for Jesus' sake, and through their influence all the other women smokers in the church have conquered the habit. Miss Phelps has found her knowledge of the Japanese language greatly facilitated by the necessity of constantly using it in going among the people. She has held one hundred meetings for adults and fifty-nine for children during the year.

NAGOYA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M A. DANFORTH,

MISS MARY E. WILSON.

"This year has been a remarkable one in many respects to the Seiry Jo Gakko. The school opened in September with every sign pointing to a most prosperous term, and for nearly two months our work went on more smoothly than ever before. The experience of the previous three years was bearing good fruit. Then on October 28th came the terrible earthquake, leveling whole towns, wiping a score of villages out of existence, and hurling seven thousand souls into eternity. The horror of those days and nights no pen can describe, no tongue can tell. Not daring to enter the racked and shaking buildings we lay under the open sky, while beneath us the earth rocked and surged like the waves of an angry sea. Fire bells clanged on every side, the air was foul with the odors of burning flesh and resoundant with the rumble of incessant shocks. Death seemed to hold us in his very grasp, but God willed otherwise. When we found that the little company which had been with us in the house safe, our hearts were heavy with fear for the day pupils, some of whom lived in districts which were almost totally destroyed. If we could have gone ourselves to search for them it would have been easier to bear, but the boarders were in such fear that they required our constant care. So, for two days, we waited in awful anxiety while messengers went from place to place inquiring for one after another of our girls. With joy and thanksgiving we realized at last that not one was lost. We forgot that we had only a piece of matting for a roof and the ground for a bed, after that. No one could complain, when God had so wonderfully preserved our little flock from injury or death.

"The earthquakes continued for many weeks, but we soon began work again, although a hard shock would send us rushing out into yards with more haste than dignity. Christmas was celebrated as usual, except

that the girls were requested to give no presents because of the great loss sustained by their parents in October.

"The past two terms have been passed in comparative tranquility, and we have had, in spite of interruptions, a really successful year as far as progress in books is concerned. Two girls, both earnest Christians, graduated in July. Being the first Commencement, it was to us an exceedingly interesting occasion. As large a number of invited guests as our limited room could accommodate were present, and all seemed pleased with the exercises. Eighty-six pupils have been in school this year, ten of them boarders, twenty are Christians. A King's Daughters' Circle has been organized with twenty-two members, and the girls are doing good work as teachers of Sunday classes in the Orphan Asylum and Church Relief Society.

"As in each succeeding summersince the Seirun Jo Gakko was opened, we have this year the same plea—buildings. We are so crowded in our present rented house that the work of both teacher and scholars is made doubly hard. So we continue to ask and continue to hope that this year a 'Home' may be given to the school in Nagoya."

YOKOHAMA.

MISSIONARIES.

*MRS. C. VAN PETTEN,

†MISS ANNA S. FRENCH,

MISS MAUDE E. SIMONS.

* Home on leave.

† Transferred to Nagasaki.

The close of another year finds the Yokohama Day School work, regarded as a whole, in a more satisfactory condition than last year, not however, in the number of pupils enrolled, but in the improvement made in other directions.

It will be remembered that in the Report for 1891, reference was made to the recognition given by the Japanese government to the *two* classes of *private* schools, and the "permit" necessary to be obtained from city authorities, and certain requirements to be complied with. As the "Furocho School" could not meet the conditions specifying "size, light, ventilation and surroundings," in the building rented for the use of the school, it came to the point where the school must be given up—pronounced by the government officials as "undesirable"—or another house secured. As there was nothing in the vicinity suited to the needs, after much consultation and prayer, it was decided to build, running the risk of receiving appropriations from home. A very favorable location was secured, and this large school, the first to receive assistance or support from our Society, merged with the Chojamashi School, and now known as the Yamabuckicho School, was established in its new and commodious quarters in November last. It is partly in foreign and partly in Japanese style; is a two-story structure, with four rooms on each floor. The upper story has sliding partitions, which can be removed readily, converting the school rooms into one large "hall," with a seating capacity for three hundred people. The location is most favorable, being in a portion of the city where there is no organized church or preaching place, and the situation is a healthful one also.

Miss French writes: "The new school building (at Yamabuckicho) is a comfort to our hearts whenever we go into it, or even think of it. Everyone who has seen it thinks it a success, and that pays for all the planning and supervising that was so tedious."

We have been greatly troubled, however, by changes in the teaching force. The earnest, enthusiastic young men, whom we have been able to employ, have found better positions elsewhere, and have left us. In the spring we were compelled by government to provide apparatus for

teaching the elementary principles of Philosophy and Chemistry, involving quite an outlay. There has been a marked improvement in the manners and morals of the children who have been with us for the past three years.

Tobe School has had wonderful success during the year. In one month, school increased from 40 to 108 pupils. Recently the school has been removed into a new building, which is occupied in connection with the church.

Kanagawa Day School has been in difficulty, owing partly to the new government regulations, and partly to other causes, giving much trouble to the workers, resulting in the suspension of the school for the present, until the work can be put on a different basis.

Aizawa has had a year of steady, uninterrupted prosperity, is a center of Christian influence, and retains its hold on the hearts of both parents and children. Report from the Training School is most gratifying.

The last year's graduates—five in number—have labored in important fields with good success. Many questions come up for consideration, as to the best methods to be employed to obtain best results from the work of this rapidly growing and earnest, but inexperienced class of workers. It may be the right thing for one of our most experienced ladies, both in methods of work and in dealing with Japanese, to give her whole time to them and their work.

This year, eight pupils completed the regular course, and are ready and anxious for the work. A class of fifteen entered in September, but only eleven remained to the close of the school year. The pupils have worked, as usual, in three lines—direct church work, more or less indirect work for non-Christians, and for the poor and sick.

NOTE.—Mrs. Van Petten has reached home since the above report was written.

HAKODATE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS A. DICKERSON,

MISS M. S. HAMPTON.

Caroline Wright Memorial School.—Of this school Miss Dickerson writes: "Ten years ago the school was opened with six pupils. It has steadily increased in numbers and efficiency until the present year, when they celebrated with great joy and thanksgiving the tenth anniversary. On the whole, the school has had a most peaceful career, and this last year has been remarkably so. Sickness has not laid any low, earthquake, famine, pestilence have passed by, and all hearts are lifted in devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His protecting care. With pleasure we have noticed increased earnestness and integrity of purpose, not only on the part of the pupils, but in the teachers also. Our greatest trial was the removal of the faithful matron. She had been with us for nine years, and the girls looked upon her as the 'school-mother.' She, however, always suffered from the cold of Hakodate, and knowing that she could be useful in the Industrial School in Aoyama, asked to be released. Reluctantly we consented, knowing that her frail body suffered much from our severe winters. The school seemed dreary and lonely without her. We could find no one to take her place. The girls felt the responsibility to be good girls resting upon each one of them, and they constantly prayed in this fashion: 'Help us, O Lord, to be matrons to ourselves; help each one to be so careful of her actions that no harm may come to the school, though Saiga San is not here. May the older girls be kind to the younger ones, and may the younger ones lovingly obey the older ones.' And the Lord did help them, and peace and harmony prevailed.

"The girls in the King's Daughters' Bands carry on work under our direction, and find satisfaction and blessing in thus working 'in His name.' In our regular meetings of the King's Daughters, they make various little things to be given the children at Christmas time. Last Christmas the girls gladly gave up their cake and decorations in the school room, that they might have some money to send the sufferers from the terrible earthquake in Gifu.

"The daily, systematic study of the Bible is bearing fruit in the spiritual lives of the girls. It is a part of the regular program and the girls prepare their lessons as they do a lesson in history or arithmetic. We see this in their experiences as they relate them in our prayer meetings, and also in their prayers. New light is constantly coming into their hearts, and they are gaining truer comprehensions of God's nature as revealed in the Word. The Bible woman from Yokohama Training School has taught the lower classes patiently and well. The higher classes have their lessons from the grand old English Bible, and, so

much do they enjoy it, that they feel that the Bible has become a new book to them.

"An outpouring of the Holy Spirit refreshed our hearts shortly after Christmas. We felt like 'singing all the day long.' Many of the older girls received the blessed consciousness that their sins were washed away, and that the Heavenly Guest had taken His abode in their hearts. They had been Christians for years, but did not have a personal realization of God's great love.

"The having of Miss Kimball to teach vocal and organ music has been a great benefit and pleasure to us. The girls have improved beyond our expectations even in one year. The improvement is noticeable in the church singing as well as in the school. Miss Kimball has taught faithfully and enthusiastically. She has consented to stay for another year.

"Wherever the girls go for their summer vacations there they lead the singing, the people asking them to teach them the tunes they do not know; so to teach vocal music and enough of the instrumental to enable the girls to play correctly the church hymns, is surely missionary work, exerting a wide influence.

"Our graduating class of eleven young ladies are fine examples of what Christian training can do for the girlhood of Japan. Two have been united in holy matrimony to Christian men; the others we will use in connection with our work in Hakodate, and hope with this large force of our own helpers to do much aggressive work in the cause of our holy religion.

"We had a total enrollment last year of 93, of whom 57 were boarding pupils, and 29 were day scholars. The most of our day scholars attend Sunday School, and we are gaining a hold over them through that means.

"May 1, in closing, quote from the report of our Presiding Elder, Rev. John Wier, as it appears in the Minutes of the Japan Annual Conference: "'The Caroline Wright Memorial School of Hakodate has enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity. Altered class rooms have facilitated class exercises. The appointment of a foreign teacher for the Department of Music was made at the beginning of the year, and by Miss Kimball the music, vocal and instrumental, has been revolutionized. The cheering results are very perceptible in the church services. On Commencement Day eleven parchments will be given. These young women go out into life to make homes, teach schools, and perform regular and direct mission work. The fine discipline, close supervision and eminently spiritual character of the Institution cannot be too highly commended.'

HIROSAKI.

In charge of MISS BAUCUS.

After a three months sojourn in Hirosaki last year, I left in June with the settled determination not to return. But, as I consulted with others, in the week intervening before Conference, about the work in Hirosaki; and prayed to God to make my way plain, I realized that the determination was purely selfish, and that Providence plainly directed my steps to Hirosaki another year. This call of God was as clear to me as my first call to Japan, and I felt that it could not be evaded. The call was confirmed by Conference and the Bishop and I returned to Hakodate, planning to go to Hirosaki as soon as my passport should arrive.

Though I was not rebellious, the hope would occasionally stir my heart that something might Providentially hinder the coming of the passport. But passports are very prompt, when one does not care especially about them; so, early in September, I had my passport and was ready to leave Hakodate. It was hard to say good-bye. I did not feel at all brave, and the ladies could not say many encouraging words, for they felt that the loneliness would soon overcome me and cause my return to Hakodate. The way was full of terrifying shapes and shadows, and I dreaded to take one forward step.

The pleasant welcome, received upon my arrival in Hirosaki, disarmed me of some of my fears. My former cook had opened the little Japanese house, and made it seem bright and homelike. Also, three families of the Parent Board happened to be together in Hirosaki at that time, and gave me cordial greeting.

As soon as school was well-organized, my first work was to make the home comfortable for winter. This was no easy task. The carpenter, whom I had engaged during the summer, had accepted other work, and many of the best carpenters were employed in Aomori. The making of a chimney proved to be an unknown art to all. Every carpenter, whom I questioned, said; "Oh, yes! I can make a chimney," and proceeded to draw a plan of a stove-pipe going through a hole in the roof. At last, Mr. Wadman kindly loaned me his Tokyo carpenter to supervise the chimney, and, by dint of some pushing the repairs were completed before king winter commenced to reign.

Soon after going to Hirosaki, I commenced daily prayers with the servants. The coming of the workmen, however, brought so much confusion into the household that I thought it would be necessary to postpone them for a while. Then another thought flashed upon me that, perhaps, this was a God-given opportunity to reach these men with the truth of God; so I cleared a space in one of the rooms, and invited

them to prayers. Japanese workmen are always willing to rest, so we had no difficulty in getting them to come. All listened attentively, and one even alternated with us in reading the Scripture lesson.

This encouraged me so much that I wondered if some of our neighbors would not accept an invitation to daily prayers. At first none responded. We invited them again, and finally, went into the street to invite in old and young. Some grown people came and many children, until our one Japanese room was filled to overflowing. We organized the children into a Sunday School to meet twice a week, and on other days had prayers as before. These meetings flourished wonderfully all winter, and, to our surprise, we found ourselves receiving applications for baptism.

Toward spring the work seemed to languish and we were inclined to feel discouraged until we recognized in the apparent decline a call, not to confine ourselves to work at home, but to go and spread the good news elsewhere. At the request of one of the new Christians, who also secured a place of meeting for us, we commenced work at Yoshida, a village about two miles distant from Hirosaki. Crowds of children come, also many adults, so that, when they will stay, we have an "after-meeting" for them.

A flourishing children's meeting has been organized in Hirosaki in the home of one of our Day School pupils.

Visits to Kuroishi and Namioka, villages eight or ten miles from Hirosaki, have resulted in the organization of a Sunday School at each of these places, Sunday Schools which we have promised to visit as often as possible.

This school has held its own, and, we trust, made some real progress during the year. It has been obliged to contend with many difficulties, lack of money, too many and too poor teachers, among them those so opposed to Christianity, that one even stooped to criticise and ridicule its truths to the girls, but perhaps, the greatest difficulty has been the lack of a competent Japanese principal. Chinda San, formerly assistant matron at Hakodate, was the recognized Japanese head of the school, until home-duties compelled her to leave in December. This was a disappointment, to which I became reconciled, when I accidentally learned that her Bible-class, the only class which she had to teach, had no regular recitation-hour, but was taught when she had time and the pupils had time, during a portion of the noon lunch-hour.

Since her departure, I have performed what I could of the duties of principal, but can do so, at least nominally, no longer, as our reports to the City Government have been returned, because my name was affixed as principal.

The peculiar nature of our school, as a private school, and a Christian school, has occasioned an official visit, which has resulted in the imposition of certain restrictions upon our work to which we have not hitherto been compelled to conform. The present prospect of the school is dark and uncertain, but we trust that the way will brighten as we advance. During this year of trial we have celebrated our first Commencement. Heads of schools and officials, quite generally accepted our invitation to attend the Exercises, and the addresses were all well-timed and appropriate. Two girls go out from the school to make home, we hope, better and happier because of their studies in a Christian school. Both graduates have received baptism and are regular attendants at church. They and others among the older girls have commenced to do a little practical Christian work. A few teach Sunday School classes, and all meet in my home on Friday afternoon for a little religious meeting, followed by the making of picture-books, bags, etc., for use at Christmas time. In a Day School, one has not the opportunities of the Boarding School to influence the pupils and to mould their characters for Christ.

The success of the school this year has been due largely to the efforts of two men. One is Ikeda San, the pastor of the church, and the other Hasegawa San, the only one of the original, active promoters of the school, now willing to render financial aid. He is educating his own daughters in the school, and gives liberally to its support.

The work progresses and I long to see Bible women at every preaching appointment on the district, and at some places where there are no preachers. I want to see more foreign missionaries North and the work pushed, until the whole country shall be full of the knowledge of Christ. God has been very good to me. The year which began in darkness closes in light. It would be a greater cross not to return to Hirosaki next year, than it was to go there this year. No place in Japan presents a greater need for work, or a larger field of labor. There is no place in Japan or in the world, which God is more willing to bless. The little plant of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Hirosaki has begun to bear fruit.

STATISTICS FOR JAPAN.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 26; Bible Women, 11; Boarding Schools, 7; pupils, 566; Day Schools, 10; pupils, 798; Training Schools, 2; pupils, 41.

KIUSHIU.

MISSIONARIES.

Nagasaki.

MISS E. RUSSELL,
MISS JENNIE M. GHEER,

MISS B. J. ALLEN,
MISS M. SIMONS,

MISS A. L. BING.

Fukuoka.

MISS L. SEEDS,

MISS GRACE TUCKER.

Kagoshima.

MISS R. E. FORBES,

MISS M. A. TAYLOR.

KIUSHIU, OR NAGASAKI DISTRICT.

A very fruitful year is given us to rejoice over in this Southern Kingdom of Japan. In the school at Nagasaki, numbering 146, good interest in all the departments has been maintained. Miss Bing has demonstrated that the Japanese can learn music. Thirty-nine students, three chorus classes, and a daily drill in English singing has sorely tried the strength of the teacher, but out of the graduating class she has two assistants for the coming year. The library of music has 150 compositions, all belonging to the course of study. Two very successful concerts were given, one for the earthquake sufferers, the other at the close of the year. During the revival the singing of the girls was a potent factor in the success of the services. They were so enthusiastic, and those who did not go out for special work, stayed in the chapel and sang, each doing her part to help the glorious work.

In the Art Department under charge of Miss Simons, the pupils made rapid progress. Commencement week, there were on exhibition over four hundred specimens of drawings from nature, also wood carvings showing both skill and industry. An elegantly carved bookcase in the school library shows what the class of '92 did, to leave their memory with their Alma Mater. Thirty-four have received instruction in the Industrial Department and nearly 200 specimens of work were on exhibition, commencement week. The receipts from all departments for the year amounted to 931, yen. In June a class of eight graduated from the Higher Course, four from the Bible Woman's Training Department, while six from the Academics filed an application to finish the Higher Course. Miss Bing writes "The diplomas were given first to the four Bible women who go out to active service; then to the eight seniors in the English class. As they filed out of their seats, and stood together to listen to Miss Russell's parting words, it seemed as though I could not stand it. These girls have been leaders among all the rest, and our dependence for years, and now were going from us, into other work, some might go far away, and how we would miss them." Before Miss Russell had finished, the seniors had broken down, and from all the girls were heard stifled sobs, and teachers and girls wept

together. I think the girls had not realized before the full meaning of their graduation day. After the diplomas, neatly tied with blue ribbon, had been given them O Shina San, as a representative of the class made a response ; expressing as best she could with many struggles for composure, the feelings of love and gratitude each felt for the school which had been their home, and for the teachers who had led them, not only in knowledge of things earthly, but to Christ, and through him they had learned of things heavenly, and pledging the efforts of every one, to pass on to others the blessings they had received. As she closed one of the girls struck a chord on the piano and they sang their class song with trembling voices. This coming year twelve new workers are in Kiushiu, all converted earnest Christian women, ready for duty anywhere.

The girls outside of study hours have busied themselves making laces and other little things which have been sold, to make a \$50 share on the new building. Four years ago no house could be rented from a Japanese landlord for any Christian purpose, now eleven Sunday Schools and nine Industrial classes in different parts of the city are held in rented houses. The teaching in these schools and classes has largely been done by the scholarship girls who have been made to feel they are debtors to everyone who needs their help. All they learn at school, or at their master's feet, is used, and they pour out their hearts in prayers and tears for their degraded people.

FUKUOKA.

The work here under Miss Seeds and Miss Tucker has been prosecuted vigorously, and with success. There has been an enrollment of 50, and the final examinations showed that good work had been done. Aside from the regular course of study and music, sewing has been taught, and instruction in cooking given.

Two children's meetings have been opened in Fukuoka ; principally carried on by the school girls who show a true missionary spirit. At last an opening has been made in Hokata, where so long the opposition to Christianity has prevented any attempt. This, the only Christian work in that city, is situated with a Buddhist temple on one side, and a Shinto on the other, and surely good will result from the brave attempt. A large attendance come regularly to listen to the teaching. The Fukuoka girls asked to have the money to be spent for their Christmas treat sent to the earthquake sufferers, other sacrifices willingly offered were not accepted, as the health of the girls was to be considered. The native pastor at Fukuoka on his way to District Conference stopped at Nagasaki where he received a baptism of the Holy Ghost. He earnestly entreated the Christians there, to pray for Fukuoka, and persuaded Miss Gheer to send two of her Bible women there for a short time. At the very first meeting, it seemed that every one's heart was melted, and

many knew for the first time what conversion means, and went about with their faces shining from the inner light that had entered their hearts.

KAGOSHIMA.

Miss Forbes and Miss Taylor have had an eventful, and in many respects, a very trying year. Old plans have been broken up. The Girls' School was given up early in the year, owing to the fact that it was impossible to work on the only basis the Japanese Superintendent or Trustee was willing to allow. So the school was discontinued and the other work which was promising carried on, and there has been a year of success in Evangelistic lines, that shows God's hand has led in the way out of seeming defeat. After two years in Kagoshima the summing up is, these two women's weekly meetings averaging 55 in attendance, two adult classes with an attendance of 50 ; four Sunday Schools with an average attendance of 185, one Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society that contributed \$8.40 last year. There have been 10 conversions, 4 baptisms and 4 received on probation. The native church felt the influence of the revival, many of the working Christians had never had the witness of the Spirit, but the earnestness which followed the blessed gift, proved how effectually the work had been done. Two Bible women do earnest work, and three Bible classes are taught in the home of the ladies, and they feel that their future work points in that line. Some effort with encouraging success has been made through Bible women, to reach adjacent towns and villages, as the ladies passports do not allow them to go beyond the city limits. Altogether the work in Kagoshima has been very successful, and this field is white to the harvest, but we much need others to glean.

The remarkable revival in Kiushiu is the theme for many letters, in these different stations. Beginning at Nagasaki, it spread through the Island and the heaven is still working, and we cannot estimate results. The type of this revival was strange, hitherto unknown in this part of Japan. Persons were overcome with the most pungent conviction, and there were manifestations such as we read of in early Methodism. Trances were reported and shouting was a common expression of joy. One girl said, "Oh teacher, the Saviour once said that if the children were to keep still the very stones would cry out—this is such a time ; I must shout." The free use of the Bible was another characteristic of these meetings. Miss Russell says "I watched a girl of 14 talking to a scholarly man, he seemed to be telling her his trouble, her face would light up as she turned the leaves of her Bible and read to him exhorting him to believe ; he would reply, and with a triumphant smile she would turn to another place and read, and beg him to believe. How I thanked God for Bible Christians," while the Cincinnati Branch Auxiliaries were holding Thank-Offering meetings and praying for Nagasaki, this revival broke out ; thus while we were yet speaking God heard.

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MEXICO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARY HASTINGS, MISS MARY DE F. LOYD, MISS HATTIE L. AYRES,
MISS THEDA A. PARKER, MISS AMELIA VAN DORSTEN, MISS EFFIE DUNMORE,
MISS ANNA R. LIMBERGER, MISS LILIAN NEIGER.

The fact that of the 42 female teachers employed in our schools in Mexico, 37 have received instruction in our own missionary institutions in that country, is the most convincing proof of the value of the work done, and the favor of our God upon it. "Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

MEXICO CITY.

In what is known as the Orphanage, there have been 41 residents of the Home in the past year, with an attendance of 102 day pupils. The order, promptness, cleanliness and cheerfulness of the girls is remarked by all visitors. The Christian Endeavor Society formed in the school meets every Sunday evening, and the children's meeting for the study of the Catechism, on Tuesday afternoons, is attended by about 250 boys and girls.

GUANAJUATO.

The school has flourished under Miss Neiger's care, who being familiar with the language was able to take the Spanish class at once upon her arrival. The enrollment has reached as high as 47 pupils, but by removals, etc., the number has been somewhat reduced, so that at present 47 are in attendance. The building occupied is reported cramped and unsuitable, and there is a strong plea for larger and more favorable accommodations.

PACHUCA.

We have a report of nearly 300 pupils attending the school, which has been for many years in charge of Miss Hastings. A larger building is the most urgent need of our work in Mexico at present.

PUEBLA.

The Girls' School commenced the year with quite an increase in the number of boarding pupils, but scarlet fever, measles, and finally a case of small-pox breaking out, compelled the ladies in charge to shorten the term and close the school for a while. At the end of the last term, however, 40 boarders were in the house.

All of the advanced pupils are doing more or less teaching, and using the advantage of Miss Limberger's Normal school training. The routine of the school as far as possible is arranged for a Normal course. Miss Parker writes that the girls are learning that for all things there must be a reason, and that there is much more in a study than the points given in the text books. One of the graduates of last year has become a regular teacher of the elementary department and is doing excellent work. An increasing interest is manifested in the Bible and in the study of Christian evidences, and in the fact that while there are many religions, none but the religion of Christ elevates and purifies.

LA CANADA.

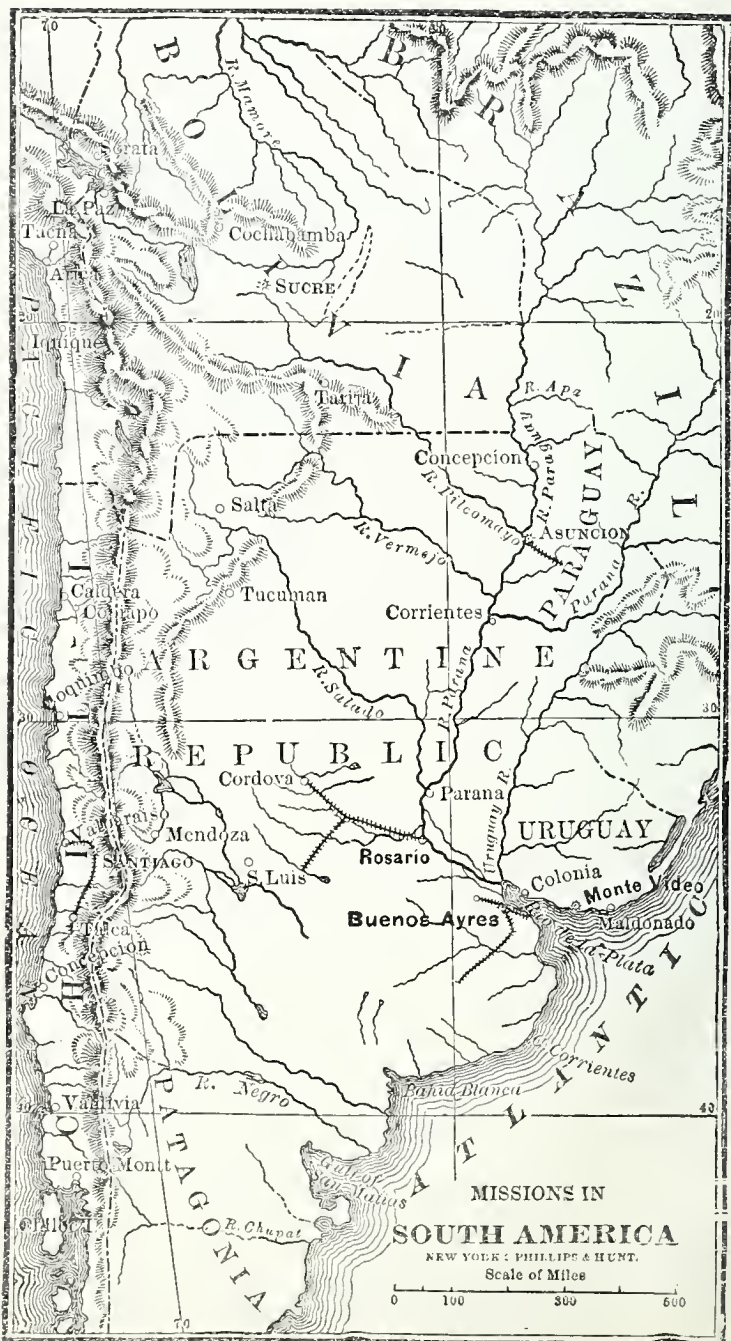
Our work here is also under the care of one of last year's graduates of Puebla, and she is spoken of in high terms for efficiency in both school and church work. The Sunday School has increased in attendance in the last three months from 40 to 100. The comparatively small school among the Indians of the mountains at Tetela in charge of Miss Van Dorsten and Miss Dunmore is winning its way into the confidence of the people and increasing in numbers. It is truly a light shining in a dark place. The two lady teachers are the only missionaries here, and evangelistic work as well as teaching must be done, for it is very difficult for even the most intelligent of the women to form any idea of a religion that involves the heart. The teachers at Tetela desire to start a Boarding School, as being the most, if not the only successful way of thoroughly imbuing the minds of the women of the country with the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Orizaba, Tezontepec, Apizaco, Ayapango, Miraflores and San Vincente.—We have flourishing Girls' Schools in all these places. In some of them the numbers are rapidly increasing. The only limit to a large and rapid extension of the work is the lack of means to go forward. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is asked to extend its work to Xochiapulco, Santa Rosa, Real del Monte, Panotea, Oaxaca, Zacualtipan, and El Chico.

When the enthusiasm of the modern church shall equal the devotion of the immediate disciples of Christ, then can we enter and occupy for Him the strongholds of superstition and darkness.

STATISTICS FOR MEXICO.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 8; native teachers, 42; Bible Readers, 4; Orphanage, 1; pupils, 143; Boarding Schools, 2; pupils, 425; Day Schools, 10; pupils, 534.



SOUTH AMERICA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ELEANOR LEHURAY,
MISS MINNIE L. HYDE,

MISS MARY F. SWANEY,
MISS MARY E. BOWEN,

MISS ELSIE WOOD.

The external conditions under which our work in this mission are carried forward vary very little from those of the previous year.

Dr. Drees says in his report of the general work: "No relief has yet come to the distress so widely felt from the financial crisis. Notwithstanding the dark tints of the picture there are features which throw a better light upon our work. The fidelity of our people to their vows, their self-sacrifice in continuing to support the work of the Gospel, the triumph of their faith in the midst of adversity have proven that there is in them a loving testimony to the power of a true faith in God, to bring relief to temporal disaster."

ROSARIO.

The work in the Home School was somewhat hindered in the commencement of the school-year owing to repairs on the building, but Miss Swaney was hopeful and efficient. She writes in early August: "Our year has had many trials. I was obliged to close the school for a month from April 15th to May 16th as Miss Disosway was very ill with typhoid fever. But through the blessing of God, and the efficient aid of the older girls we came through that trial and lost none of our day pupils by the forced vacation. After another month's work one of the Day School teachers was called home by sickness and death in her family. One more month passed and Miss Disosway was gone from us!" With all its difficulties the school prospers. More pupils entered in the first month than in half of last year. Ninety-seven have been registered, of whom twenty-three have been in the Home. The discipline has improved, more willing attention has been accorded to the Scripture lessons. A young English woman from Montevideo has been secured to assist with the work that was Miss Disosway's and is helpful and efficient.

The San Luis School numbers about eighty. The teacher is diligent and painstaking.

Miss Swaney adds to her brief report, "Of course we ask again for our building here, but more than last year. We must have a good building in good condition or we shall dwarf our work after eighteen

years of toil in it. The school has a reputation for good teaching, and to maintain our standing, we must continue to do *better* work,—and put our building in good condition.”

BUENOS AYRES.

Miss Le Huray has very kindly furnished a brief report: “We have a Boarding School of twenty-five pupils, a small Day School of about forty pupils, which is entirely self-supporting, and part interest in the Ragged School. The first named has been in one sense the most important work of the year. The large house and ample grounds we rent, and the teachers we employ give us advantage over all others in the thoroughness of the work done. The course of study embraces the six years' course in the City Schools, with civil government examinations at the end of each year, and instruction by normal graduates, and the lady missionary. Most of our pupils are from families composing our congregations and we aim at keeping our *prices* within reach of those whom we seek to benefit. Our girls are of all nationalities, but we use the language of the country Spanish, and follow Spanish customs in all matters of minor importance. The Bible is studied forty minutes each day, and Church, Sabbath School and weekly prayer meetings are faithfully attended. Several of the pupils have been truly converted. The teacher of the Day School in the outskirts of the city has been converted during her connection with the school and exerts a good Christian influence over her forty little pupils, some of whom are over twelve years of age. But the work done at the Ragged School is of most intense interest and importance. It is supported by the Parent Society, our own and the private contributions from friends of the school. Two hundred and fifty little waifs from the tenement houses of the poorer districts in the city are here taught, making this enterprise a credit to the evangelical mission in a Catholic country.”

MONTEVIDEO.

Reports from this station have been increasingly interesting and encouraging all through the year with this one exception, the failing health of Miss Hyde, who for the last five months has kept at her post through her *will* power, aided by medicine, and says, “I often feel that I am *risking all* in continuing my work, but how can I leave! There is no one to take my place.” The school has been doing as much as any school could do under the circumstances, really exceeding our anticipations. It is steadily gaining ground and growing in favor with the people, especially among the English patrons. The Spanish being more conservative are slower to admit that *our* ways are superior to the Oriental

ways. But we have now the confidence and patronage of nearly all our evangelical people. Many of them live at so great a distance from our school that they cannot send their children. Many of these parents are anxious to secure the religious influence of the school for their daughters. Of course our hearts are made glad because another dozen or more of our girls have become real Christians and are full of enthusiasm and earnestness ready for work. With this score or more of young consecrated lives we think the outlook for the future of our work is bright. We could have many more pupils, but we could not care for them, and hence have turned away quite a number during the year. We have lost six or eight during the year by removals. We have at present seventy-five pupils who were with us last year. We grudge the money we pay for rent, and wish we could have a property of our own.

In March, Miss Bowen wrote a most enthusiastic letter making most grateful mention of the "revival influences" in which they were sharing. "We have opened our new year's work under the most auspicious circumstances. We are overwhelmed with success, and I hope the Society will be able to bear it. For success brings added responsibility and expenditures."

PERU.

Miss Wood gives a very pleasant report of the opening of our work in Lima. The first evangelical school in Peru was opened early in July. She says, "Our girls are of all colors, and do not know much about the very first things that children ought to learn at home, but we are working away. My sister calls it a 'conscience factory.'" A month later she wrote, "We now have twenty-five girls who are learning our hymns, catechism and Scripture texts. But there is much to be done. Do pray for me that I may do my part, and do it well."

STATISTICS FOR SOUTH AMERICA.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 5 ; Boarding Schools, 3 ; pupils, 46 ; Day Schools, 12 ; pupils, 963.

BULGARIA.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS LINNA A. SCHENCK,

MISS ELLA B. FINCHAM.

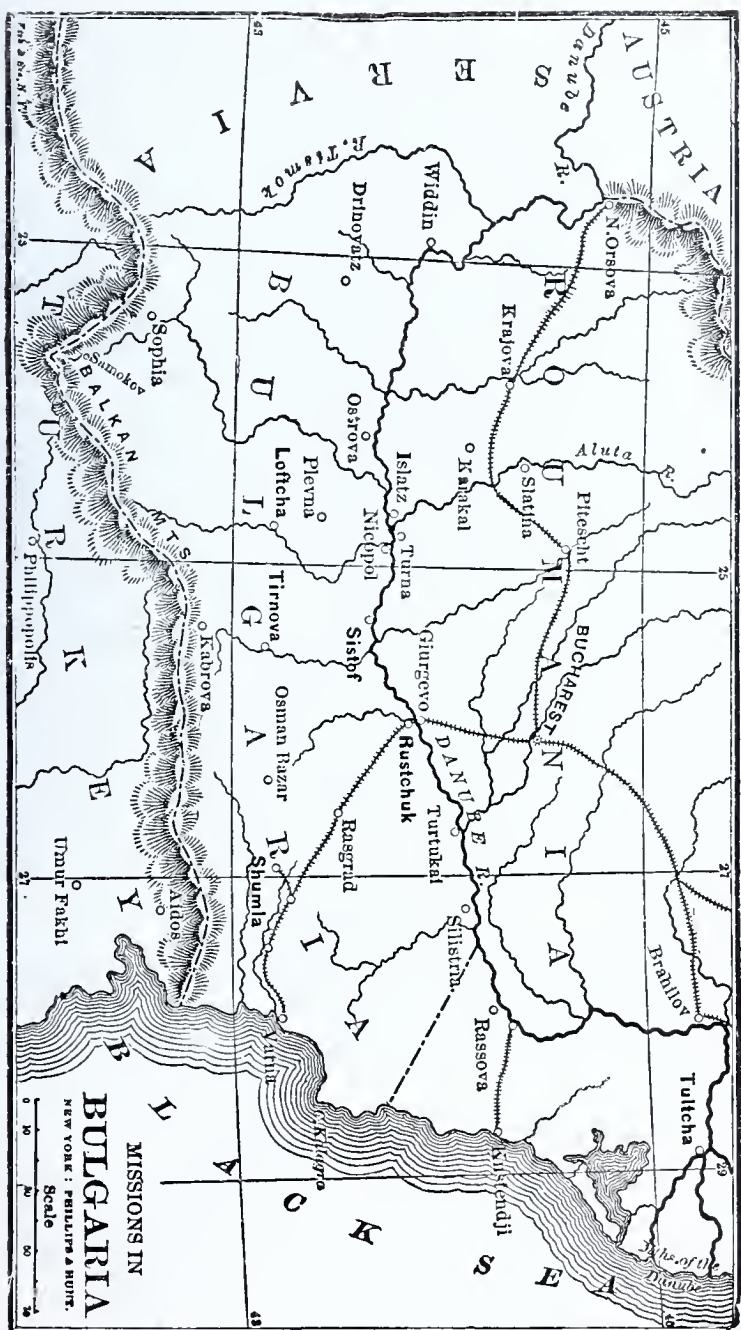
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The work in *Loftcha* has been carried on under some disabilities this year. The building was crowded to its utmost extent, the missionary whom we expected to send in the spring has been detained in this country, and Miss Fincham has been left with the entire care and responsibility upon her. Added to this, the estimates for the year were reduced, making the financial problem a difficult one ; thus it can be readily seen that the maintenance of the work has been no small task. Notwithstanding all these discouragements, there has been much in the records for the year that has been hopeful, and Miss Fincham's letters have been cheery and full of faith, save one written immediately after the reception of the appropriations, when she felt for a little while that the Society had lost faith in Bulgaria.

She writes that the girls are bright, good, and enthusiastic in everything they undertake. Two of them were graduated from the school this year, and will enter the ranks of teachers. The course of study pursued is very nearly the same as a High School course in America, with the addition of a very considerable course of Bible study. The domestic arts are also taught with equal thoroughness.

One of the gratifying features of this school has always been the religious influence pervading it. The most of the girls are consistent Christians, and prove faithful to their profession of faith, after they leave the school. A number of them are making good wives for our Bulgarian preachers ; others are working as Bible women or teachers. The larger number of the girls have come from Protestant families. This has not been because the people of the Greek church did not desire to send their children, but the accommodations were too limited for a larger number. Our church people are, as a rule, too poor to pay the school expenses, while the others would be mainly self-supporting, and probably extend our influence ; but we owe a duty to these daughters of our preachers that cannot be set aside for pecuniary gain or advancement.



The building which the mission has so long desired to purchase, by which they might have additional accommodations, and for which they have estimated for two years past, and been denied for lack of funds, has become an assured thing, the Northwestern Branch having assumed its purchase, raising the money by special appeal. With the additional room furnished, a larger number of girls can be received, who will be able to meet their own expenses. The more intelligent people understand that their girls are safe with us, and that they are not safe in the national schools. The Bulgarians are turning their attention to educational matters, and if we can prove to them that we can offer them comfortable surroundings, in addition to the better moral atmosphere of a Christian school, they will be, as they now are glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to put their daughters under our care.

The school in *Hotanza* is a most prosperous one. The teacher is a graduate of our Loftcha School, and a devoted Christian. She is especially good as a Bible woman, and combines this work with that of teacher. The women are much attached to her, and come to her for help and instruction in sewing, and some of them have learned to read. When the school closed for the summer, a special examining committee was sent by the county inspector to visit the school. At the close of the exercises, they formed in procession and went about the village, singing hymns. When they were through, they found a table spread with good things to eat, to which they doubtless did ample justice, after which they sang again and offered prayers of thanksgiving to God for His goodness to them. The chairman of the committee expressed himself as much pleased with the school, and the superintendent of our mission says, "the success of the school fully justifies the outlay."

SUMMARY.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 2 ; assistant teachers, 3 ; Boarding School, 1 ; pupils, 73 ; Day Schools, 5 ; pupils, 65 ; teachers and Bible readers, 6.

ITALY.

MISSIONARIES

MISS EMMA HALL.

MISS ELIA VICKERY.

The report of the work in Italy will not differ greatly from that of last year. We are happy, however, to be able to report a change in the location of the school, it having been moved from the sixth story of a building occupied for the last four years, to a building much better suited for a school, being a detached residence, with large sunny rooms and a large garden and play ground. It is but a short distance from the present Home and near to the new church property. The rent remains the same as heretofore. During the year Miss Hall's health has greatly improved. Miss Vickery writes: "There are now thirty-five girls in the school, ranging in age from three to eighteen years of age. The girls learn all departments of housework and have a regular set of duties, re-assigned every two weeks. Every afternoon there is an hour of sewing and knitting, the children doing all the sewing required for the house."

The spiritual atmosphere of the Home is very hopeful. In a recent letter Miss Vickery says: "I have just come from evening prayers with the children. I wish you could have looked in upon them as they sat around the two long tables, reading the Scripture lesson in turn, have heard them as they sang their evening hymn, sustaining beautifully the soprano and alto parts. Then they all kneeled down and one of the older girls offered an earnest, simple prayer, for more strength, more patience, more control over unruly tongues, and more love for one another, and in Him who loves us all so much. Some of the little ones have formed themselves into a band, meeting for daily prayer together, and the great improvement in their deportment shows how much good these hours of communion with God is doing for them. Sunday evenings they gather around the piano and beg for hymn after hymn. They are very apt in learning new melodies, and have already learned many of our good old tunes, to which we can adapt Italian words, and as the familiar strains bring back memories of home, we almost forget that we are in a foreign land. These old tunes sung in Rome have often proved a treat to the Christians from America who are traveling in Italy, some travelers preferring to climb all our stairs to hear them sung rather than to hear the celebrated nuns of Tunita de Monte. Some of the older girls have joined a circle of King's Daughters, the first circle formed in Italy. Sometimes there are discouragements; sometimes



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we hoped for more than was shown in their spiritual development, but when we think of what they were when they came to us, and compare them with what they are now, the improvement is very manifest."

While it is conceded that we are doing a good work in this Orphanage, I think it is also felt by all acquainted with the situation that we are not doing our best work, nor that which will best promote the spread of evangelical Christianity until we can establish a school of high grade. The acquisition of political liberty in Italy has caused a revulsion of sentiment against the superstition and ignorance in which the Romish church has held them, and as in France, the reaction is carrying them into extreme Atheism and Materialism. A visit to any of our large churches must convince one of the truth of the common statement that the power of the Romish church is in the faith of their women. The crowd of earnest devotees is composed largely of the peasant women and ignorant people. Very rarely do you see a man among the worshipers, or an intelligent looking woman. The government free schools in Rome are very good, and all, even to the University, are open to girls. Still, owing to prejudices of co-education—much stronger than ever existed in America—they are sent to the convent schools which flourish in great numbers in Rome. Many of the parents dislike the Catholic influence for their girls, and we have every reason to believe that if a good school could be established we could draw largely from these Catholic schools. The daughters of our ministers would come to us, and especially those who are in the smaller stations, where the schools are poor and under Catholic influence. One of the attractions of such a school would be the opportunity for the study of the English language—the popular study at present among the Italians.

Miss Hall reports the work of the Bible women, of whom there are five, Miss Monta, at Turin, being the oldest in years and in time of service. She reports having made during the year eight hundred and sixty-nine visits. Some of the Catholics she visits, and who show interest in the Bible readings, do not feel the need of separating themselves from the Romish church, but think it sufficient that they cease to believe the superstitions of the priests and believe the Bible.

Mrs. Campan, at Milan, is another one of our veteran Bible women. Her children have almost grown up in the church, and the eldest daughter often assists the mother in her visits. She began the year with the names of twenty-three Catholic families on her visiting list, a large proportion of whom have since entered the church. She reports them as faithful in the midst of insults and persecutions which they were obliged to endure for professing their faith in Christ as the only Saviour.

Miss Passesini is at Forli. Her work has been somewhat interrupted

by reason of ill health, but she has done what she could as she has had opportunity. Among the children in attendance upon the Sunday School were two little girls, daughters of the sacristan of one of the Catholic churches. The priest knew that the children were attending the school but took no notice of it, but finally some zealous Catholic called his attention to the matter. He then ordered the removal of the children, and through the same influences one after another were removed until but three remained. Spies were placed at the door of the church who reported to the priest those in attendance at the services. This was a part of a plan of a general persecution which sought the destruction of our church in the city. A Bible Woman is at work in Rome, and also one in Pisa.

We bespeak the prayers of all Christian women for this work in Italy, that the knowledge of Christ and His Gospel may be diffused throughout the whole of this beautiful land, and the cloud of superstition be dispelled.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 2 ; Orphanage, 1 ; pupils, 35 ; Bible Women, 5.

KOREA.

MISSIONARIES,

MRS. M. F. SCRANTON,

*MISS L. C. ROTHWEILER,

MISS M. BENDEL,

MISS ELLA A. LEWIS.

*Home on leave.

Seoul.—This is the capital of the country. The work in Korea is opening up wonderfully, but the working force seems inadequate to meet the great and growing demand. Bishop Mallalien baptized twenty women and girls during his Episcopal visit there the past year and others are desirous of receiving the ordinance. Mrs. Scranton, after a visit home for a few months, returned during the year and again took up her work. In a recent letter she says :

"We have had very precious meetings of late. I think our prospects were never so bright as they are at the present time. It is very evident that the blessed Holy Spirit is at work, convincing of sin of righteousness and judgment. He is making the consciences of those who have accepted Christ more tender, and more quick to detect the evil in themselves. I am greatly bothered these days in regard to the subject of early marriages. No less than three of my girls, who have just begun to learn, must soon go out from us, and as their husbands have been chosen by their friends they do not, of course, marry Christians, but God can take care of His own work and will not let the labor expended on these girls come to naught."

School and Evangelistic Work.—In January last the workers were reinforced by the arrival of Miss Lewis. About the first of May, however, she was taken seriously ill, and for a time her life was despaired of, but God mercifully spared her, and she is now doing efficient work.

Miss Rothweiler writes, "Twenty-five girls were in the school at the beginning of the year. One was transferred to the school in Nagasaki, Japan, and five new ones have been admitted, making at present twenty-nine. The more advanced girls I think begin to see some advantage and pleasure in acquiring and possessing knowledge. Every advance in this direction, be it ever so small, must be considered in the light of a victory for which we ought to be deeply grateful. However, we hope and pray that the time may soon come when Koreans shall consider it desirable for their daughters to get an education and not, as now, regard it a favor bestowed on us. The work of the school, while much room for improvement remains, has on the whole shown advancement and gives cause for much thankfulness.

"Evangelistic work has consisted of meetings held on the Mission premises, and daily work done at the Dispensary. The matron at the hospital has done faithful work. She talks and reads to the women

daily, and has sold 278 copies of Gospels and other books and has given away 130. This scattering of seed must bring forth seed. At least six have been brought into the church this year as a direct result of this work.

"About a year ago a mother and daughter-in-law came to the hospital. A book was sold them which they afterward carried to their home. The old lady's husband read the book and was interested to such a degree that several months afterward he sent them back to ask where more of this doctrine could be learned. The women were invited to attend our meetings, and he directed to the men's meeting. These three, together with a brother-in-law and his wife have since been regular attendants in sunshine and in storm, and have joined the church on probation. Beside the daily work at the hospital, a special meeting has been held there on Sunday afternoon, under Dr. Sherwood's direction, which has had an average attendance of 23.

"Our Sunday School has been a most interesting service. Aside from our household there has been an attendance of from 10 to 100. The average was 45. Total, 2,468, many of whom have been regular and faithful in all kinds of weather. At present this seems more important and successful than the Sunday evening meeting which formerly seemed the only one which would bring out the women. In Sunday School one seems to come nearer the individual than in any other meeting."

In regard to the attendance upon the Sabbath service, Mrs. Scranton writes: "The attendance upon Sunday services during the summer months is always somewhat smaller on account of heavy rains and muddy streets. It has, however, been larger this season than ever before. One woman has walked three miles every Sunday since my return (in May) to be present at the morning meeting. Another, an inmate of the same house has been present every Sunday but two. Some others have also been nearly as faithful. This surely is proof of genuine interest."

Medical Work.—In regard to this branch of work which has been so very successful, Mrs. Scranton writes: "We have lost out of our home during the summer Dr. Sherwood (now Mrs. Hall) and have not yet perfectly learned the lesson of reconciliation. Medical work was for the most part suspended for six weeks during her absence in China. Dr. Scranton, however, attended to a few serious cases which came to our notice. Since Dr. Sherwood Hall's return, although the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society can make no further claim upon her services, she has, for the love of the Master and His suffering ones, stepped back into her old position."

SUMMARY OF WORK IN KOREA.

Missionaries of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, 4; Medical Missionaries, 1; Boarding School, 1; pupils, 29; women and girls under instruction on Sabbath, 6079.

General Foreign Summary.

	Missionaries, W. F. M. S.	Medical Missionaries.	Bible Readers and Teachers.	Day Schools.	Pupils.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils.	Pupils.	Orphanages.	Orphans.	English Boarding Schools.	Pupils.	Training Schools.	Pupils.	Hospitals and Dispensaries.	Patients Treated, 1892.	Women under Instruction.	Total number of pupils in schools.
North India Conference.	17	* 5	523	210	4,163	13	736	4	200	3	332	2	61	3	15,000	30,000		
South India Conference.	11	1	13	21	772	1	50	4	132						2	4,500	1,200	
Bengal Conference.....	7		30	22	300	2	350	3	60		2	400						
Malaysia Conference.....	1		3	2	110	1	14											
Foochow.....	8	2	80	50	1,025	2	75						6	130	5,600			
North China.....	13	4	5	11	130	3	172						3	48	12,000			
Central China.....	9	1	8			3	92						2	41	5,000			
Japan.....	26		11	10	798	7	566											
Mexico.....	8		46	10	534	2	425			1	143							
South America.....	5		19	12	963	3	46											
Bulgaria.....	2		9	5	65	1	73											
Italy.....	2		5			1	35											
Korea.....	5	1				1	29								1	2,500		
Total.....	114	14	752	353	8,860	40	2,663	12	535	5	732	13	280	13	44,600	31,200		13,135

* Including Miss Dr. Swain, Khetri.
 + Bible Women, 250; other Teachers employed, 273.
 Women under instruction given only in India.

2 Homes for Homeless Women, with 65 pupils.

Report of Home Work.

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The experiences and changes of the year just closed have added new value and beauty to our glorious Christianity, and intensified desire to send its blessed light to every people and nation and kindred under the whole heavens.

To feel the strong support of the "everlasting arms," when the loved ones on whom we have leaned, are called from earth's shadows into the eternal sunshine of the heavenly mansions—to hear in the hour of desolation and loneliness, the "Lo, I am with you always," from Him "who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows," and to find shelter and rest from the fury of the storm "in the Rock cleft to take us in," is to make even bereavement and sorrow the channel through which the tenderest sympathies and deepest compassions flow out to those who know nothing of the consolations and blessings that tinge the darkest clouds with sweetness and beauty—when "Jesus is revealed" through the Divine Comforter.

New England Branch is signally favored in having a patient, persistent, noble band of workers who have toiled on faithfully, harmoniously—hopes and fears—prayers and praises, alternating, as the sight of self and the responsibilities of the work—or Christ as our captain and leader have predominated.

Prevailing sickness in some sections has greatly interfered with active, aggressive work among the churches, and fewer auxiliaries have been organized than in some previous years, but interest and effort among the young ladies and children have materially advanced during the year. The "Little Light Bearers," embracing the "babies," and all under five years of age, designed as a "recruiting and educating agency," is growing in favor and promises to become a popular organization.

Conference and District Secretaries have labored assiduously to hasten the day when the entire womanhood of the Methodist Church shall be enrolled in the membership of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Especially good results have attended our Conference Anniversaries, Camp-meeting services and District Conventions. Indifference has given place to a renewed interest, talent hitherto unemployed has been brought into active service for the Master, and new channels opened for funds hidden or misapplied, to find their way into His treasury. Six hundred General, and fifteen hundred Branch Annual Reports have been distributed.

The Leaflets, with their silent appeals and thrilling incidents, have not outlived their usefulness, but are most cordially welcomed in all the auxiliaries, and are filling a place no other agency could supply. Our depot of supplies has been a success and promises well for the future. Miss Cushman's Penny Helper cards have in many places taken the place of Mite Boxes, but a large number of the latter have been added to those previously in use, thus increasing the revenue of many of the Auxiliaries and Boards.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has a place in more homes than for many years, and the *Children's Friend* finds welcome where other missionary literature is refused admittance. It is most gratifying to be able to report a marked increase in subscriptions for each of these papers, and we are hopeful that the latter will soon become self-supporting.

There has been much anxiety in reference to financial matters on the part of some lest we might not be able to meet our appropriations, but in "walking by faith and not by sight," "quietness and confidence have been our strength," and with gratitude in our hearts and praise upon our lips, we close the year with all obligations met and joyfully, hopefully go forward to serve with unshaken trust, as best we may, in the days to come.

The spirit of faith manifested at the Branch Annual Meeting was greatly stimulated and encouraged by the stirring addresses of Dr. and Mrs. Parker of India and other missionaries, and by most effective appeals of Rev. Dillon Bronson, who, in his visits to our missions in the East, had grand opportunity for seeing not only the work as it is, but to some extent its great needs, and by his words of eloquence sent home

to the hearts of the audience the responsibility of the church to do to the utmost in sending the Gospel to those who sit in darkness. Miss Carr, recently returned from a similar tour, gave special interest to the occasion by her presence and words. One immediate result of this meeting was the unanimous decision to increase the appropriations for the coming year, and by renewed consecration and persistent endeavor to stand firm in the expectation of accomplishing more than ever before in His name for this work.

The assistance rendered all through the Branch by our returned missionaries, Misses Cushman and Harvey, Drs. Christiancy and Terry and Mrs. Jewell is gratefully acknowledged. Mrs. Scranton, too, did all in her power during her stay among us. She left for her home in Korea in the early spring. Dr. Christiancy and Miss Harvey will be compelled to be registered again, "not able to return." Dr. Terry, while waiting for a few months for restoration to health, will avail herself of opportunity to acquire a more thorough knowledge of some specialties required in her profession as a physician.

Three new missionaries have been sent out—Miss Young to Peking, Miss Paine to Korea and Miss Glover to Tsun Hwa. These devoted young women, fitted by experience in teaching and in city mission work for efficient services, and sustained by the prayers of thousands of friends, will, we trust, do valiantly for our King.

Several boxes of Christmas gifts have been forwarded to various fields to tell of the Christ-love, which would make the whole world brighter, happier, better. As the "glad tidings" come to us from time to time, and we catch glimpses of precious jewels polished by grace and fitted for the Master's use, we are glad to remember that while others have gone down into the deep mines of superstition and idolatry to find these gems for the Saviour's crown, we have been permitted to "hold the ropes," making a glorious co-partnership "here and there" for the ushering in of Messiah's reign from "the river to the ends of the earth."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance Oct. 1st, 1891.....	\$ 2,405 85
Receipts from auxiliaries.....	24,683 28
Receipts from bequests.....	2,249 94
Receipts from donations, etc.....	550 33
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	\$29,889 40
Disbursements.....	\$26,616 41
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Balance Oct. 1st, 1892.....	\$3,272 99
Received for permanent fund.....	1,100 00

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REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

We present the twenty-third annual report of the New York Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with much regret that the limits of the report prevent our including a full account of the great and important work committed to our care. We can only give a short summary of the general work.

The year has not been marked by any special changes in the methods of work in the Home Department. As in the past, we have had our hindrances and discouragements, but we have many experiences, proving that He who hath called us is not unmindful of our labor of love. The Conference and District Secretaries have carried on the work through their regular organizations.

The Quarterly and District Meetings and the Camp Meeting and Conference Anniversaries have been more than usually profitable and enthusiastic. These meetings are useful in giving missionary information to large numbers, and are opportunities for bringing the church into closer sympathy with the work.

The Holy Spirit was powerfully manifested in our Ocean Grove Anniversary so kindly arranged for us by Dr. Stokes. The discourse by Dr. S. L. Baldwin greatly impressed the large congregation with the necessity for sustaining the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The Rev. Mr. Yatman held the largest and most enthusiastic meeting for young people we have ever witnessed. Impressions were made upon hundreds of young minds and hearts that will be a lasting blessing to the missionary work of the church. The collection was the largest we have ever received. We are greatly indebted to our returned missionaries for help in our work throughout the Branch. They are always an inspiration to the churches, and we fear in our zeal for the work, we are often unmindful that they are at home for needed rest.

Miss Clara Downey returned to India November 25, 1891, accompanied by Dr. Mary Bryan. About the same time Miss Crossthwaite went to Tientsin, China, to reinforce the work. Mrs. Jewell, Dr. Carleton and Miss Le Huray are still with us.

Miss Le Huray will return to Buenos Ayres, S. A., in a few days, we hope with health much improved. Miss English and Miss Files have returned from India to find, we trust, increased health and strength in the more congenial home climate.

Two new missionaries will reinforce the foreign field from the New York Branch this year. Miss Alice Stanton will go to Nanking, China, and Miss Christine Lawson to India. These missionaries are both from the Troy Conference.

The decrease in the collections from several Conferences proves the necessity for personal supervision and untiring vigilance. Two of our most successful Conference Secretaries have withdrawn this year—Mrs. Olmstead of Wyoming has removed to New England, and Mrs. Hopkins from Northern New York has removed to California. Mrs. Hopkins writes: "I took up the work with tears, but I find it much harder to lay it down; I love the work, and it is prosperous in our Northern New York Conference." We shall greatly feel the loss of these two gifted women in our Branch, but we are trusting that the blessed Holy Spirit will call others to fill their places.

The need of capable, conscientious, self-sacrificing women for service is the same in the home as in the foreign department, and for some reasons more difficult to supply. God seems to have impressed more willing young hearts to go tell the story, than we have the means to send. Our thank-offerings are not in proportion, ever, to our special mercies.

We are happy to report an increase in the subscriptions to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and the *Children's Friend*. These papers

continue to cheer and inspire us by their intensely interesting reports, and it is important that very special attention should be given to their circulation in our Branch.

We have few new Auxiliaries to report. Our greatest increase is in Young Ladies' Societies and Children's Bands, and the special work is distributed largely in their interest. Three hundred and two orphan and scholarship letters have been sent to patrons. The Mite Boxes are still in demand, and large numbers have been distributed.

By the recommendation of the last General Executive Committee, we have arranged a dépôt of supplies at 150 Fifth avenue, room 13. The rent of this room for one year is a generous donation from Mr. J. M. Cornell. A full report will be given by the committee in charge of the depository.

A very special interest in this twenty-third anniversary comes from the occurrence of the General Conference and the presentation of the Quadrennial Report.

We are devoutly thankful that we are permitted to aid in this missionary work, and to claim a part in the great results. How truly, we have gone out weeping, bearing precious seed, and we return rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

Deficit, October 1, 1891.....	\$ 1,503 43
Disbursements from October 1, 1891, to October 1, 1892	44,322 58
	<u>\$45,826 01</u>
Receipts from October 1, 1891, to October 1, 1892.....	45,558 26
Deficit, October 1, 1892.....	\$ 267 75

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One blessed verse from our Father's golden treasury has upheld us all through the year. In enforced absence through loss of health, in hours of perplexity through loss of five effective Conference officers, and as at times we have looked into an almost emptied treasury, these words have shed light and hope and encouraged us to cheerfulness and perseverance, doing good to the weary heart like a medicine. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth,

and the isles shall wait for his law." Remembering that discouragement is no part of a Christian's armor, nor of his weapons of defence, we have turned our faces to the sunlight of his promise, and walked in the light.

The cause has been greatly helped in the Philadelphia Branch by the visits and words of our returned Missionaries. Mrs. Jewell, Miss Cushman, Miss Sparkes, Mr. Long, Mr. Oldham, Miss Spencer and Dr. McDowell have rekindled enthusiasm in many parts of our Branch. Much of the success that we are able to report to-day is the fruit of their labors. The blessed influence of the consecration service which closed the annual meeting at Erie, in 1891, continued through all the year. It seemed to have made a permanent impression upon the consciences and lives of many of our workers who have made frequent reference to it in their correspondence.

The work of the standing committees can be spoken of only with praise. The mission-box committee has been the means of diffusing so much interest in this department that 39 boxes were forwarded to various fields last summer. The ladies in charge of literary supplies are grateful for the success of their birthday calendar, and have worked untiringly in the distribution of literature as will be shown by their report of leaflets distributed, 16,058; annual and executive reports, 2,500; circular letters and thank offering appeals, 5,000; report cards, 2,500; programs, 1,000 besides a large number of Mss. letters copied and sent out, and the loan of Missionary books.

At the recent annual meeting we were able to place a superintendent of bands in every Conference in the Branch except where the small fraction of territory within our boundaries made such an officer unnecessary. The wisdom of the special attention to the young people secured by this arrangement becomes more decidedly apparent every year.

By taking advantage of the balances in our favor in the foreign treasuries at the close of the third quarter, we have been able to meet all obligations and would raise a new Ebenezer, for "hitherto the Lord hath helped us." The recent death of Miss M. E. V. Pardoe in Tokyo has crippled our forces, and necessitated several changes in the location of our workers in Japan. Four years ago Miss Pardoe went to Japan joyfully in the fulfillment of a long, secretly cherished calling. Her work in Tokyo had been all that we had hoped for it. Her long experience with young lives in schools in her native land bore a rich fruitage on foreign soil. The Japanese girls in Tokyo loved and trusted her, as the scholars in Williamsport did in America. She moulded their minds, she led them to Christ, she taught them a high and useful womanhood. The conscientious diligence she bestowed upon all inter-

ests under her care assured its prosperity; and many lives in Japan under her instruction, upon which have opened new horizons of mental and religious vision, will remember her name, and bring forth the fruit of her toil in succeeding generations.

Let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us of this generation hasten forward to plant the standard of Immanuel far within the lines of heathen darkness, longing to hear the shout when the capstone shall be laid with rejoicing.

S. L. KEEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 25, 1891, balance on hand.....	\$ 9,653.40
Receipts during the year.....	27,143.44
Total.....	\$36,796.84
Disbursements.....	29,146.76
September 25, 1892, balance.....	\$7,650.08
Total of funds available.....	\$36,796.84
Disbursements.....	\$29,146.76
Balance.....	7,650.08
	<u>\$36,796.84</u>

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BALTIMORE BRANCH.

Once again we hear the call: "Tell us, where and how thou hast wrought; what sheaves hast thou gathered; what lessons learned?" For a better understanding of the answers to these questions, suffer a hasty glance at the situation at the dawn of the year. The offices of treasurer and corresponding secretary were occupied—we will not say filled—by those inexperienced in the duties they were called to accept, the former occupants having entered into rest. Another—Mrs. F. A.

Crook, so long our president—beloved and revered, was approaching the gates of day, and passed through them November 20th. She was succeeded by Mrs. H. E. Eaton, whose fitness for the place has been proven. With hearts exceeding sore, the path to our sight invisible, we looked *up*, not *down*, saying, only "Thou our Leader be, and we still will follow Thee."

The year has been marked by special and large gifts, aggregating \$6,000, though only a fraction of this could apply on our appropriations. Another distinctive feature, and that which does most to strengthen our hands for the work of the next year, is the assumption of so much special work by individuals. Instances of extreme self-sacrifice in this connection might be given, attesting that He who made us rich through His poverty, and declared it more blessed to give than to receive, has disciples in Baltimore Branch. The tie between patron and object supported has been very generally strengthened by direct tidings from the same, not infrequently accompanied by photographs. This has added much to the work of our beloved missionaries, and not less to that of the home secretary, but it has brought its reward. Mitc Boxes and Penny Gatherers' Cards, have been generously distributed, and the gathered fragments have enriched the treasury. Conference and District Secretaries have been in labors abundant, the zeal and love of some carrying them beyond the bounds of physical endurance. The services of Dr. Carleton, Miss Cushman, and Drs. Oldham and Soper have been a blessing, and they and their words are cherished in memory.

How much the workers in the foreign field have done to lighten my burden by their frequent correspondence, reporting evangelistic trips and incidents connected with their lives, also by expressions of confidence, love and sympathy, they may not know, and it cannot be told till we learn another language.

Mrs. Gracey's Volume, *In memoriam*,—a beautiful, loving tribute to our friend and sister, Miss Isabel Hart, is highly appreciated by the Branch, and we seek to give it the widest circulation. The Branch has had its sad hours—its dark days, but in bereavement He made His consolations to abound, and morning always succeeded the night.

In January word was received that the sufferings of Miss Everding greater, perhaps, to her friends than herself, were ended, and she had ascended to receive her crown. For six years the Branch sustained her in Japan; for two years at home, we honored her for her work, and loved her for herself. One bright, beautiful April day came a letter equally bright from Miss Layton, who had been by us recently returned to India. The next day came the sad news of her death. In June we

received word of the critical illness of Miss Lewis, who had just begun her work in Seoul. In August we found it necessary to effect a loan of \$2,000, and it added greatly to the heat and burden of the day.

Amid these fiery trials I fear we did sometimes count them "strange," and wonder if the Lord had a controversy with us. But we are ready now to answer the question, "What hast thou learned?" We have learned more perfectly that our God is a *covenant* keeping God; that He is our Refuge and Defense; in trouble our unfailing aid."

E. B. STEVENS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, as per last annual report.....	\$ 3,203 98
Receipts from all sources.....	17,041 34
Total.....	\$20,245 32
Total disbursements.....	12,040 00
Balance	\$ 8,205 32
Invested.....	6,000 00
Balance, less investments.....	\$ 2,205 32
Receipts from Auxiliaries.....	\$8,906 06
" " Easter Offerings.....	1,036 83
" " Mite Boxes	806 64
" " Other sources... ..	6,291 81
Total.....	\$17,041 34
All of which is respectfully submitted,	
E. R. UHLER, 661 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md.,	
<i>Treasurer.</i>	

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

This Branch includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

OFFICERS.

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<i>Central German Conference.</i>	
MISS CLARA BAUR, 56 Milton St., Cin., Ohio.	

The wise man hath said "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Verily it is a trite, but true saying, and to a Secretary the times to write reports follow one another with 19th century speed. How short the time since we summed up the work of the preceding year, and the responsibilities of the future press closely upon the year to which we are bidding adieu. Rarely has harder work been done in the Cincinnati Branch than in the past twelve months. District Conventions have been held, Anniversary Meetings at Conference and Camp Meeting, and special effort in many lines among the auxiliaries to make up pledges made at the beginning of the year. Mite boxes have been filled and opened, and in many waste places by the highways and hedges most faithful gleanings have been done. And what stories of self-sacrifice might be told, how a young girl came with money to support a scholarship, which she had earned by baking cake for her friends. As she said, "I wanted to earn this money, and this, was what I could do well." Another, a wife and mother on a limited income, rejoiced with great joy that God had called her to work for him, and earned the money to support a Bible woman in India, by baking bread.

She wrote "At night when I am kneading my bread, and praying for her, she is just starting out on her day's work, and how happy it makes me." A young women called to missionary work, and preparing herself for it by sacrifices that seem very hard, but to her are a joy, for she is nearly through, and enriches her whole character by the discipline. All the heroes are not on battle-fields. Many of our workers have labored under great disabilities, and some under severe strain, but somehow the work has been done, and the record closed. It is rather hard to come with a story of failure for the first time in our history. While good work has been done the aggregate of receipts falls below that of last year, though the difference came through bequests, which did not help us this year. We have met our pledges, but are sorely afflicted not to report an increase. There has also been a decrease in subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the only Branch with such a record, and our humiliation is complete. Perhaps we relied too much on work and needed this lesson, anyhow we accept it and shall both work and pray to make the coming year more than cover the lost ground. Our Bureau of supplies has proved a great success, has been most efficiently carried on by Mrs. Wilson, and another year will show still more the benefit of this thorough work, in reaching all classes.

Our young people still work effectively though in some places crowded out by the Epworth League. Until Miss Rothweiler returned in August all our missionaries were on the field, so we have missed the help they always carry to our meetings; we have been assisted, however, by Missionaries of the Board who have rendered most valuable service. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Munson, Dr. Oldham, Doctors Drees, Robinson and Long, and Mrs. Mary C. Nind who belongs to all of us, and is welcome everywhere. A number of missionary candidates have presented themselves this year and more are under preparation in our Methodist Schools and Colleges. Miss Hammond has been sent to South America, Miss Hoge to North India and Miss Keeler is under appointment to Burmah. The work of our representatives in foreign fields has been greatly blessed during the year and we praised God for a part in it.

Our Annual Meeting was a good one, God was with us, and though some things were depressing and some things sad, there never was a greater spirit of devotion to this work shown by all present, and pledges of renewed effort were made by all. On account of advancing years our honored President asked to be relieved from the cares of her office, and her resignation was accepted with a feeling of sadness, shared by all. For nearly twenty-three years she has filled the place, and this work has received her best efforts, and her earnest love and support. She was

made Emeritus President, and Mrs. Bishop Joyce will take the active working place. Mrs. Davis also, on account of family cares and anxieties that press heavily upon her, was obliged to give up the office of Treasurer which she has filled with rare ability and faithfulness for twenty years. We also missed from our meeting the presence of Mrs. Savage, so long one of our Conference Secretaries, who was compelled to give up a work so dear to her, and in which she has worked ever since the organization of our Society. The loss to our Branch in these cases cannot be over-estimated, and there was earnest prayer offered that God might choose the successors, and that the work might go on with love, added success and power. In the history of our Branch there have been, comparatively few changes in our general officers, and a blessed unanimity of thought and purpose, so that any change comes with a keen sense of personal loss, and lengthening shadows with many who still remain admonish us that soon our places will be left vacant, and what we do, must be done quickly. As individual members of the Cincinnati Branch, the message to each sister worker is, we cannot be so faithless as to doubt the aid that has come to us so many times when human help seemed far away; and yet it is only when we bring all the tithes into the store house that we can claim the promised blessing. And so as of old, when hosts were pressing behind and what seemed an impossible barrier was before, the voice of God came to his church, to our Society, to each one of us personally, "speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1891.....	\$ 2,990.38
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1891 to Oct 1, 1892.....	37,684.93
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	\$40,675.31
Expenditures.....	\$38,446.65
Balance on hand.....	2,228.66
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	\$40,675.31

MRS. WM. B. DAVIS, Clifton, Cincinnati,

Treasurer.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

This branch includes Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, with headquarters at 114 Dearborn avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

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<i>Central Illinois.</i>	MRS. C. B. CARPENTER,
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MRS. A. C. MCKINSEY, Lebanon, Ind.	Main, Germany.
<i>Southeast Indiana.</i>	
MRS. KATE L. HAYNES,	<i>Swiss Conference.</i>
242 Central Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.	MRS. ANNIE SPOERRI,
	18 Zeltweg, Zurich, Switzerland.

The year has been one full of earnest work and consecration. The Lord hath done wonderful things for us, and we will magnify and praise His holy name. Nearly every month the air has been astir with active preparations for anniversaries and various public meetings connected with auxiliaries, camp, district, thank-offering and Branch meetings. Presidents of auxiliaries as well as district and conference officers have published stirring appeals, while others secure columns in local and district church papers. Our Quarterly Bulletin is a new feature this year which is received with marked favor, especially by those remote from headquarters. Miss Baker's Pledge Cards have been a great source of revenue, not confined to our Branch in their circulation, but sent for from far and near.

A good supply of the newest and best missionary literature has been kept on hand, and the receipts for the year from this department have been \$286.77. The sales of leaflets at our last Branch meeting amounted to over \$30, and orders were taken for an equal amount.

Our photographs still continue a source of revenue to our Medical Educational fund, and the presence of these faces of our faithful representatives is an education, an inspiration and example to all who look upon them.

Eight thousand, six hundred and fifty-four mite boxes have been furnished to auxiliaries during the year, an increase of two thousand and eight. But this is only the shell that contains the kernel. These little messengers brought to our treasury when panels were tapped, Easter eggs broken and boxes opened, \$3,980.11. If this sum represents heart-gifts, they will no doubt prove to the Father like some of the gifts we cherish from our children, paltry to the eye of the world, but priceless to us because of the love they betoken.

Our twenty-eight district bureaus of exchange that are in active service, through the vigilant care and invaluable help of Mrs. Budlong, are each year growing more useful, though as yet they by no means meet her earnest desires.

Our subscription list to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is slightly in advance of last year, for which we are thankful. Still in this we acknowledge that we are not doing our best, and measures were taken at our last annual meeting to secure a more creditable subscription to this helpful paper.

Thank-offering day has come to be an annual family gathering, observed with as much fidelity as Thanksgiving Day in New England, and it is anticipated with as much delight. The pressure upon our finances were such that we could not set aside any specific object for thank-offering, and we were forced to devote our gifts to the general work, allowing the auxiliaries to indicate, if they chose, the field to which their money should be appropriated. There was a little fear that this arrangement might diminish the interest of the auxiliaries, but the result showed that our fears were needless. The gifts aggregated \$11,856.21

Mrs. Lawson gave most valuable aid in the Branch during her sojourn in this country. Her heart-rending stories of the sorrows of the child wives of India, her plea for more money to send Bible women out to teach Jesus' Gospel to those who have not yet heard, awakened great interest, and the offers of assistance in answer to this appeal have been many. Miss Baker has also done royal service in organizing new societies and stimulating old ones to better work. Her long experience in

organization, her ingenuity in devising methods for pushing the work, and her clear, vigorous putting of missionary facts, make her very successful in this line of work. Miss Ella Hewitt, Miss Schenck, and later in the year, Mrs. Nind have done faithful work.

I want to bear testimony to the value of the services rendered by Mrs. Clark, our committee on itineraries. By her pains-taking efforts she has made engagements and furnished speakers, and secured a systematic visitation of the territory, with an economy of time and at a minimum of expense that could not have been accomplished in any other way.

Some bequests have been received during the year and some sales made of property belonging to the Society. From the Elliott estate \$2,500 has been received. The remainder of it may not be available for some years to come. Our generous friend, Mrs. Louisa Soules, has increased her annual gift this year to \$1,000. I would that we could report many more such conscientious stewards of the Lord's money.

Miss De Line returned to Bombay immediately after the meeting of the General Executive Committee in November last, after a year and a half of rest, (shall we call it?) Nay, a year and a half of journeying up and down through the land in the interests of Bombay Home.

Two missionaries have been sent out. Miss Lilian Neiger, a young lady who had seen several years' service with the Friends Society in Mexico, was transferred to us, and sent in January to Guanajuato. Her knowledge of the language and experience with the people made it possible for her to take the charge of the work immediately. Dr. Luella Masters sailed in August for Foochow. No queen ever went to her coronation more joyfully than did Dr. Masters to her appointed field, and we are sure that she will be a benediction to the multitudes of suffering women in that great city, as well as to the mission. It was expected that Miss Blackburn would go to Bulgaria before this time, but it has not been practicable to send her as yet. Three young ladies have been accepted by the committee and are awaiting their appointment. One of these will be sent out and supported by the Students' Missionary Association of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., of which institution she is a graduate. One young lady has completed her regular course of study in the Medical School and graduated in April last. Since then she has served an interval in County Hospital, Chicago, and is now taking a post-graduate course of study. Three missionaries have returned home—Miss Hewitt, from Mexico, Miss Shaw from Nanking, and Miss Howe from Kiu Kiang. They will all, we trust, be ready for duty after a season of rest.

The petitions from Bulgaria for more room for our school in Loftcha became so importunate that it was decided in July, with the concurrence of the Reference Committee, to make a special appeal to the Branch for the money needed for the purchase of the property and which would be immediately available. The time was not very propitious, but two months remained before the fiscal year would be closed, but nothing daunted, we made our request for five dollars from each auxiliary, and wrote our General Missionary Society accepting their offer for the sale of the property. A considerable amount has been received while we are assured that many auxiliaries will respond to this appeal. And we have full faith that the whole amount of \$4,000 will be received before the close of the next fiscal year, and this without drawing upon the regular income of the Branch.

The World's Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition has assigned to the Woman's Branch of the Auxiliary of Missions a part of the first week in September, 1893, for holding a Congress of Missions. A local committee was appointed from the various Women's Boards of Missions, whose headquarters are in Chicago, together with an advisory council made up from women from every part of the world, interested in this great enterprise. It is their purpose to show as fully as possible what has been accomplished through their instrumentality and to portray the great work now being carried on by the different missionary organizations of the world. The plans and the program are not yet perfected. The committee invite "recommendations of persons to assist in the addresses, suggestions as to special topics for discussion, the best missionary literature for distribution, and any other methods or plans for effective work," and "solicit your most earnest endeavor to make the Congress a powerful agency in extending the knowledge of and promoting an interest in Christian Missions."

What shall I say of our annual meeting? From the opening celebration of our holy communion to the singing of our parting hymn, the presence of the Holy Ghost was with us. About 600 were in attendance from outside the hospitable city of Springfield, Illinois, where for the second time we were welcome guests. Misses Schenck, Denning, Shaw, Hewitt and Howe were with us, the latter with her two Chinese girls, who have come to this country for the purpose of acquiring a thorough medical education. Dr. Drees was there to tell us of the growth of our work in South America. Mrs. Badley thrilled us with her stories of mission life in India. Mr. Blackstone laid upon us our personal responsibility for the salvation of the great world that lieth in darkness, until we were ready to cry out, "Lord spare us, who is sufficient for these things?" And our beloved Mrs. Nind who was with us for the first time since she

came to live within our borders, was a constant benediction. The memory of that meeting and its blessed influences will abide with us all through the year, and only when eternity dawns, shall we know what it accomplished for the Society.

The Northwestern Branch has made a new departure. It has felt that the best interests of the work would be subserved by a division of the labor devolving upon the Corresponding Secretary. It was, therefore, decided to elect a secretary for the home department. No action of the Branch has been productive of better results than this. Mrs. Meredith who was chosen for this position has ably done her work, and has been a help-meet indeed. To those Branches, who have a consciousness that their secretaries are bearing burdens of responsibility and correspondence greater than they should, that must be carried in sickness and in health, through summer's heat and winter's cold, with care of family and home that cannot rightfully be set aside, may we exhort you to "go and do likewise."

When we look over the way by which the Lord has led us, the measure of success He has given us, we feel that strong in the strength which the Lord doth give. We will go forth to more faithful service for Him and for His cause.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in treasury Oct. 1st, 1891.....	\$ 9,040 15
Receipts from Oct. 1st, 1891, to Oct. 1st, 1892.....	63,970 54
Total receipts.....	\$ 72,010 69
Disbursements.....	58,493 98

Amount in treasury Oct 1st, 1892.....	\$ 14,516 71
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MISS MARY A. GAMBLE,

Detroit, Mich.

Treasurer.

DES MOINES BRANCH,

Includes Iowa and Missouri.

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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference,</i>	<i>St. Louis Conference,</i>
MRS. L. W. BYRKIT, Oxford, Iowa.	MRS. F. H. HAGERTY, St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Des Moines Conference,</i>	<i>Missouri Conference,</i>
MRS. W. B. THOMPSON, Carroll, Iowa.	MRS. E. A. SIMES, Clearmont, Mo.
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MRS. E. P. FRITZ, Marshalltown, Iowa.	MISS IDA B. CONWAY, Louisiana, Mo.
<i>Northwest Iowa Conference,</i>	<i>German Conference,</i>
MRS. A. G. CARTER, Marcus, Iowa.	MISS M. DREYER, Chicago, Ill.

From our small harvest field the Des Moines Branch reapers come, bringing some sheaves. The harvest home song is that of the four and twenty elders before the throne: "We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned, Blessing and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honor and power, and might be unto our God forever and ever." In such a spirit of praise has another year's work been accomplished. This ring of gladness is for over one hundred new organizations, and over two thousand new members. This would put us far ahead of last year's record had not some societies, and many members persisted in dying, in spite of heroic efforts to make them live. But the advance is sufficient to be very encouraging. Two hundred new subscribers to the *Friend*, and seven hundred to the *Children's Friend* show how greatly these fine papers are appreciated. The salaries of our new missionaries, with the old obligations, made us "scrape the bottom of the barrel" nearly every quarter. The \$2,500 bequest on which we counted was not paid and sometimes a little anxiety disturbed our usual quiet. But the wisdom of trusting, and not being afraid has been demonstrated. The end of the year finds all claims met, and a small balance in the treasury. Camp Meetings, District Conventions, and Conference Anniversaries have done their part in extending information and interest. Our Branch workers have conducted most of them, though Mrs. Jewell spoke at the Missouri Conferences, and Miss Franc Baker at those in Iowa. The latter did a month's good work in organiz-

ing. Though most of the Branch officers did a good deal of outside work, that which tells most in our annual summing up was done by our Branch President. Her attention has been given, with good success to helping and encouraging young ladies' and children's societies, in the belief that they can become vastly more efficient and capable than we have so far been able to make them. A large number of boxes and packages have been sent to the foreign field in response to urgent calls. Our faithful agent of supplies has kept a stock of almost everything Miss Walden can furnish. She has sent out ten thousand leaflets, two thousand Branch, and six hundred General Executive Committee Reports, and a very large number of life membership certificates. We could not spare this department of our work.—In November last we sent Misses Kennedy and Kemper to India. Again we come with an offering of three educated, gifted, consecrated candidates ready for the foreign field. Besides these, we have given one of our best and noblest ladies to the Northwestern Branch. Our recent annual meeting was favored with two fine addresses by Miss Franc Baker. From China came Miss Gertrude Howe and our own Mary Stone. Seldom has the presence of missionaries awakened such enthusiasm.

The devotional hour each day was in charge of Mrs. J. H. Caldwell. They were seasons of great refreshing and spiritual power. The Holy Spirit moved all hearts to new devotion. There was such thankfulness for the past, and such good hope for the future that it was not hard to vote \$25,000 for the coming year's appropriation. The letters and calls for more laborers, from our missionaries, were so filled with passionate pleading that many hearts were touched that had never cared deeply before. In the Love Feast many said, "I never realized the importance of this great work, but will go home with a new missionary baptism to work for God and His kingdom." One of the Iowa Conferences had sent out no missionary, and the Secretary asked for a season of special prayer with this in view. Before twenty-four hours a lady of unusual fitness presented herself for the foreign field.

A lady in Des Moines deeded to the Branch—property worth nearly ten thousand dollars—saying that if she made a will some one would break it, and she wanted all she possessed to be used in saving heathen women; another who gives one hundred and eight dollars per year, which supports Bible women in China and India, provides by will that the money shall be paid regularly for twenty years; so if she goes home soon, her Bible women will go on telling the glad story here, while she joins the songs of the redeemed out of every nation, on the other side.

Time would fail to tell of the steady work, unfailing confidence and perseverance of our home workers, and another year of widening.

increasing usefulness of our missionaries. But here and there the blessing of the Lord has been upon us, and we never faced a new year with more faith and courage. Far above earth's clamors, we hear the promise, "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1891.....	\$ 4,800.69
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1891 to Oct. 1, 1892.....	19,072.48
Total.....	\$23,873.17
Expenditures.....	\$20,336.65
Balance on hand.....	\$ 3,536.52

MRS. E. K. STANLEY,
Treasurer

Des Moines, Iowa.

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

This Branch includes Minnesota, North and South Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

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Rec. Secretary, MRS. J. M. HEARD, Minneapolis.
Treasurer, MISS LILLIAN M. QUINBY, St. Paul.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

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MRS. E. N. WOLEVER, Hamline, Minn.	MRS. I. M. HARTSOUGH, Sioux Falls, S. D.
<i>North Dakota,</i>	<i>Montana,</i>
MRS. H. L. CAMPBELL, Fargo, N. D.	MRS. H. V. WHEELER, Helena, Mon.
<i>Columbia River,</i>	<i>Idaho,</i>
MRS. LUCY A. BROWN, Spokane, Wash.	MRS. O. A. CHAPMAN, North Powder, Oregon.
<i>Oregon,</i>	<i>Puget Sound,</i>
MRS. M. C. WIRE, Mt. Tabor, Oregon.	MRS. NELLIE S. HANSON, Vancouver, Wash.
<i>North German,</i>	<i>N. German, Conf. Treas.,</i>
MRS. MARGARETHA ZIMMERMAN, Minneapolis.	MISS IDA HULLSIEK, St. Paul.

SUPERINTENDENT GERMAN WORK.

MISS MARGARETHA DREYER, Chicago.

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

MRS. JAS. SUYDAM, 429 Holly Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

The Minneapolis Branch commenced the year with the consciousness that our representative at the Executive Committee session, with her boundless sympathy and longing to save the world, had, in assuming an amount nearly 40 per cent. in advance of the receipts of the former year, placed upon us a burden that would be very hard to carry. We have not been able to meet this large advance, but we come rejoicing that we can report a good degree of growth, and an increase of 10 per cent. in the receipts of the year, and we gratefully record, our "Lord has been better to us than our fears."

Very early in the year, our excellent Branch Treasurer was compelled by illness to lay down the work, and our auxiliaries were obliged to make the acquaintance of a new Treasurer. Two Conference Secretaries also had to be found, willing to assume responsibilities and enter upon

work before untried. These both have proved themselves workers that need not be ashamed. One of them has added 14 new auxiliaries. Indeed, most of the nine Conference Secretaries have been unwearied in their efforts to interest the women already enrolled, awaken the indifferent, dispel the prejudice still existing in the minds of pastor and people in many places, and by personal solicitation collect the needed funds for the work. Some of the District Secretaries have been equally diligent. One of these, in Eastern Oregon, in her report says : " I have held ten public meetings, traveling about 600 miles in private conveyance, it being 60 miles to the nearest railroad station ; have organized two new auxiliaries, with 30 members, visited three old auxiliaries, and from places where there are no organizations have collected \$44 ; have added ten new subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and over forty to the *Children's Friend*. Out of the \$500 salary my husband has received from his circuit, one-tenth has gone directly into the Lord's treasury and \$20 into the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. I have done my own work, and in traveling for the Society have paid my own expenses. I have striven in the strength which God has given me to do what little I could ; am sorry the results are not greater." I give this extract to show the character of the work to be done in the larger part of our Branch, and the spirit in which it is being carried on.

Three Conference Conventions have been held—one in St. Paul, by our German sisters, attended with excellent results, and one in each of the two Conferences upon the Pacific coast. These last were favored with the presence and inspiration of Dr. and Mrs. Parker at one, and Bishop and Mrs. Thoburn at the other. The former, coming direct from Singapore, presented the urgent need of immediate relief for Miss Blackmore, and showed how the work had so grown in the five and one-half years of its existence, as to require two strong workers to take it up and carry it on. The appeal was heard in all parts of the Branch, and many hearts were touched and many prayers offered for missionaries and the money to send them. The indefatigable Secretary of the Oregon Conference was the first to respond : " Two girls, two of our grandest, our best, will go to the relief of Miss Blackmore. The money to send *one* has been given me at this camp meeting. I'm so rejoiced I cannot wait to get home to tell you, and write on the spot with a pencil." Later, she wrote : " So eager are the girls to hasten to the relief of Miss Blackmore, that they offer to go on the Deaconess' plan, since in that way we can send two instead of one."

Need I tell you how our hearts were rejoiced over this glad news, or how we received it as coming in answer to our prayers ! As we have learned more of the ability, the culture, the natural loveliness of character, and the consecration of these choice girls, we have daily thanked

God for sending them to us in this hour of our need. Even now, they are on the way to the land of their adoption and the work to which they gladly give their lives.

Dr. and Mrs. Parker spent one Sabbath at the headquarters of the Branch, occupying the pulpits of four different churches, doing much to help on the work. Besides these, we have had no missionaries with us, until at our Minnesota Conference Anniversary and Branch annual meeting, when Miss Hewett and Rev. R. W. Munson came, and proved a wondrous inspiration and blessing. The Conference Anniversaries have been reported as the best ever held in the Branch.

We regret to find that subscriptions to *Heathen Woman's Friend* have fallen off this year, but we hope another year will more than repay this loss. The *Children's Friend* has increased from 606 to 747, and the *German Friend* shows a gain of 129.

Most encouraging results have followed the labors of our missionaries this year. Miss Abrams reports the glad news of the conversion of 23 girls in her school, and her joy at seeing them unite with the church. After five years of service in Bombay, she comes back to her native land for needed rest, tell of her work in Sabbath School, in Day School, among groups of women anywhere, and especially the larger work of the Boarding School, which she has had in charge.

Miss Blackmore has been faithfully at her post during the year, and has had the joy of seeing her work developing grandly. "There is no better work in all the East," was the testimony brought concerning her, by one eminently qualified to judge. Her largest school is in a building admirably adapted for the purpose, known as the Christian Institute, whose owner has given her the use of it for the year, and now offers to sell it at a very low rate. She has over 100 pupils in training, and many women under instruction in their homes.

Miss Blackstock's school filled up quickly at the beginning of the year, and she has been obliged to turn away many applicants. We have been able to send her only one-half the amount appropriated for the building of the Home, and so she has been obliged to postpone its beginning. Her plans are all ready, and we hope that the coming year will witness its completion.

Boxes have been packed and sent to gladden the hearts of the children in Foochow, in Bombay, in Singapore, and in North India.

No bequests have been received during the year. One gift of four hundred dollars and two of one hundred each are gratefully acknowledged. All other receipts have come through the regular channels. Thank-offering Day was generally observed, and is growing in favor and becoming more and more a power and consequent blessing throughout the Branch.

Through our efficient Agent of Supplies, we have published and sent out 1,200 Branch reports, and 600 pages of other information. Have also distributed 300 general reports and 2,100 pages of leaflets. Our auxiliaries use 661 copies of the Mission Lesson Leaf, monthly, besides 856 copies of the lesson sent out with the *Friend*, so that we believe that an intelligent interest is constantly increasing in regard to all mission work. Thirty-nine new societies have been organized during the year and only a few of the old ones are reported as inactive.

The geographical extent of the Branch is very great, and the western half of it sent a representative asking to be set off by itself, to our recent annual meeting. As a result, the following resolution was adopted :

"WHEREAS, We feel that the greatest development of the work of the Branch would be conserved by a division of territory,

"*Resolved*, That we request the General Executive Committee to consider the organization of the North Pacific Branch in the near future."

We have thus given but the merest outline of the work attempted, or the work done, but we know that He who sent the workers forth, has noted every offering, great or small, which loving hearts have brought, and are sure that,

" The treasure freely given
Is the treasure that we board,
Since the angels keep in heaven
What is lent unto the Lord."

MRS. C. S. WINCHELL,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received during the year.....	\$11,195 71
Balance from last year	4,525 94
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Total.....	\$15,721 65
Disbursements.....	12,035 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$3,686 65
MISS LILLIAN M. QUINBY,	
St. Paul, Minn.	<i>Treasurer.</i>

TOPEKA BRANCH,

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. C. C. ADAMS, Topeka, Kan.
Cor. Secretary, MISS MATILDA WATSON, Bellwood, Neb.
Rec. Secretary, MRS. M. M. TORRINGTON, Topeka, Kan.
Treasurer, MRS. A. M. DAVIS, 1701 K. St., Lincoln, Neb.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas Conference,</i>	<i>N. Nebraska Conference,</i>
MRS. R. S. FREEMAN, Kadsas City, Kan.	MRS. T. C. CLENDENNING, Omaha, Neb.
<i>S. Kansas Conference,</i>	<i>W. Nebraska Conference.</i>
MRS. KATE SCOTT, Cherokee, Kan.	MRS. E. D. BENEDICT, Kearney, Neb.
<i>S. W. Kansas Conference,</i>	<i>Colorado Conference,</i>
MISS MARY LITTLE, Hutchinson, Kan.	MRS. D. B. WILSON, University Park, Col.
<i>N. W. Kansas Conference,</i>	<i>Wyoming Conference,</i>
MRS. F. D. BAKER, Salina, Kan.	MRS. M. M. SIGHTS, Evanston, Wyoming.
<i>Nebraska Conference,</i>	<i>W. German Conference,</i>
MISS ELLA M. WATSON, Bellwood, Neb.	MRS. MARY SNIDER, Lincoln, Neb.
<i>Texas Conference,</i>	
MRS. G. L. DIMMITT, Iowa Park, Texas.	

For many things as we look back over the twelve months gone, do we find reason for thanksgiving. The year has not been different in many ways from other years. We have had the same obstacles and discouragements to overcome and the same trials of faith regarding a depleted treasury, but He who has promised, has supplied all our need and given us such a consciousness of Divine guidance as we had never before known.

Some organizing has been done and in most of the Conferences new auxiliaries are reported.

We are glad to report two hundred more subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and three hundred to the *Heathen Children's Friend*. We have distributed four hundred General Executive and fifteen hundred Branch reports. More mite boxes have been sent out than any previous year and the receipts from that source are correspondingly larger. An increased interest was manifest in thank-offering day, the gifts being more than doubled. In many places interest in our work among the young people has been revived through the Epworth League.

The work of Mrs. Shattuck, of Denver, deserves recognition in this report. By personal effort she has raised twelve hundred dollars for the Hing Hwa Girl's School which was opened in February with thirty-one girls in attendance.

The results of the District Conventions, the Camp Meeting and Conference Anniversaries are apparent in the renewed zeal of the workers and were the means of reaching the hearts and arousing the consciences of many others. We sincerely regret the removal from our Branch of Bishop Ninde. For eight years Mrs. Ninde was our president and by her faithfulness, her never failing courtesy, her genial manner has endeared herself to all hearts. She and her daughter will be in the Branch to which they go as they have been to us, a great blessing. Our love and prayers go with them.

The annual meeting was well attended and a blessed spirit prevailed from the first. What we have done, has been unto the Lord, and if permitted to labor another year, we hope to accomplish more and unto Him shall be all the glory.

MATILDA WATSON,
Corresponding Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.....	\$13,397.05
Disbursements.....	12,755.42
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 641.63

Lincoln, Neb.

MRS. A. M. DAVIS,
Treasurer.

PACIFIC BRANCH.

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	MRS. ALICE K. STALKER, Whittier, Cal.
<i>Cor. Secretary,</i>	MRS. E. M. COON, 1912 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	MRS. L. C. SPENCER, Manzanita, Cal.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. D. C. COOK, 2330 Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Cal.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>California,</i>	<i>Nevada.</i>
MRS. P. B. SEARLE, San Jose, Cal.	MRS. E. W. VAN DEVENTER, Reno, Nev.
<i>Southern California.</i>	<i>Arizona.</i>
MRS. M. F. WOODCOCK, Tropico, Cal.	MRS. G. F. BOVARD, Los Angeles.
<i>California, German.</i>	
MRS. F. MEYER, 1224 Myrtle Ave., Los Angeles.	

At the close of our first Quadrennium we naturally look back at our beginning and compare the present with the past.

That we have fallen far short of our ideal we regretfully admit. That fields lie fallow to-day that we hoped would be heavy and golden with harvest, is too painfully true. That the work was far too great for us has been our ever-present conviction, yet in weakness and self-distrustfulness we have wrought diligently, and we trust faithfully, making this work for God, which He and the church had laid upon us, the pre-eminent thing in our lives. "This one thing I do," has been our motto. How often we would have fainted by the way if the Lord had not been our helper.

When we organized our Branch four years ago, sixteen auxiliaries bravely held the fort on the South Pacific coast, four hundred women and children paid \$11.68 into the treasury, and seven orphans were supported by patrons in the Southern California Conference.

Now, thirty-one girls and four Bible women are supported by individuals or auxiliaries, and a dear girl missionary, all our own, is the common property of all the Branch, and sixteen girls and Bible women are also carried by the Branch unless some patron applies for them.

Sixty auxiliaries reported for duty September, 1892, and these represent 1,322 women and children, pledged to the work of rescuing the women and girls of heathen lands and making them "meet for an inheritance with the saints in light."

The light of an eternal day alone can reveal how much of this development of our work is due to the faithful auxiliary worker, who has pushed the hardest when the wheels of the work "draw heavily," or to the brave District workers who have encouraged and chided, strengthened and crowded the workers as occasion demanded, or to the Con-

ference Secretaries who have been the truest and best allies a Branch Secretary ever had, and the dear Branch officers "whose praise is in all the churches." How helpful and patient and forbearing they have been. Our strength has been in the sweet Christian harmony that has prevailed. "In honor preferring one another," has been the rule.

During the past year our Branch has been favored with visits from Bishop and Mrs. Thoburn, and Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Parker. It goes without saying that missionary fire is scattered all along their pathways. The most conservative of home-workers could not resist the logic of their facts, while all lovers of missions caught new inspiration and began to plan for doing more and better work for foreign as well as home fields. In March Miss K. Miazaki of Tokio, Japan, stopped in Pasadena for a rest as she went on her homeward journey to close her life-work in her native land. With all of her plans for future usefulness suddenly ended by a fatal illness, her steady, cheerful Christian faith made her more than conqueror, and her visit here was a blessing to many and a help to our work.

A series of all-day meetings was held at different points in the spring, with good results. More aggressive work was done the past year than ever before. Some produced immediate results. The rest were preparatory, and we are expecting the coming year to far excel all the past in growth and prosperity.

We have secured the services of our beloved sister, Mary C. Nind, to hold meetings throughout the Branch, and introduce our work wherever it is practicable.

At the beginning of the year it seemed probable that another hand would have written this report, but another year of service has been granted, and while new hands take up the work it will remain always on our heart.

CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1891,.....	\$ 338 41
Receipts from Oct. 1st, 1891, to Oct. 1st, 1892.....	2,898 70
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	\$ 3,237 11
Expenditures.....	3,093 90
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1892.....	143 21
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	\$ 3,237 11

MRS. D. C. COOK,

Treasurer.

GERMAN WORK.

OFFICERS.

Superintendent, MISS MARGARETHA DREYER, 360 E. Division St., Chicago, Ill.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Conference in Switzerland,</i> MRS. ANNA SPOERRI, 21 Wassergasse St., Gallen.	<i>Conference in Germany,</i> MRS. MAGDALENA MANN, 88 Roeder- bergweg, Frankfort-on-the-Main.
<i>East German,</i> MRS. ADA LUTZ, 42 S. Bridge St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	<i>Northwest German,</i> MRS. JULIA SCHUETTE, Charles City, Ia.
<i>Central German,</i> MISS CLARA BAUR, 28 Milton St., Cincinnati, O.	<i>St. Louis German,</i> MISS JULIA BEINHART, Harper, Ia.
<i>Chicago German,</i> MISS MARY KAESER, 360 E. Division St., Chicago, Ill.	<i>West German,</i> MRS. ANNA GABRIEL, Enterprise, Ks.
<i>North German,</i> MRS. MAGGIE ZIMMERMANN, Minneapolis, Minn.	<i>California German,</i> MRS. CAROLINE MEYER, 1324 Myrtle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal

With hearts filled with gratitude to God, the auxiliaries and members of the German Conferences, come to the close of the year, for God has been very gracious to us, and has blessed the feeble efforts of his hand-maidens, so we see a forward movement all along the lines of numbers, finances and literature.

The advance does not appear alike in all Conferences, a couple, indeed, showing a slight falling off; but the advance of the others more than covers this deficit, and we come to the end of the year with a contribution exceeding any we have made heretofore, and more than \$500 in excess of last year.

The Conferences in Switzerland and Germany have done better than we anticipated. Yet we may never forget the poverty of most of our people in these countries, and the sacrifices which they bring to maintain the work of the church among them; nevertheless they, who partake in these contributions to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, do so with gladness, that even the little they can do is not too small to be accepted by the Society, to which they feel greatly indebted for transmitting their gifts to their heathen sisters, and for aiding them more nearly home by sustaining a Bible woman both in Germany and Switzerland. They have a very happy mode of making their collections monthly among *non-church-goers*, and taking this as an opportunity to reach them for their personal salvation.

In the eight German Conferences in the United States who report work, six report an increase over last year, the North German Confer-

ence holding the front rank in the number of its organizations and members, the amount of its contributions and its rate of increase, as well as in the unremitting efforts of its Secretary and her numerous assistants.

Fourteen cases of special work are provided for in the foreign field, with requests coming in for more. These prove a great incentive for devotion to the work. Our dear Miss Rothweiler, whose going to work in Korea was such an inspiration to German Methodist women, is again among us, and while we regret her failing health, we are sure her respite at home will give a new impetus to the work, wherever she may find it possible to meet our people.

Three District Conventions have been held this year, one of which was attended by your Superintendent, who also represented the work at four Conferences and two camp meetings, re-organized one society, and visited a number of others, in her necessary journeys.

With the increased responsibility which they bear, has come to them the need of better information for themselves, which they begin to seek, not only in our periodicals, but also at the District and Branch meetings which come within their radius. So, while I could not be present at one of our annual gatherings this year, yet certainly five of the ten Branch meetings had German secretaries with them, whose reports to me prove that the flame of enthusiasm is burning brighter than ever in their hearts, and will carry its glow into the hearts of the auxiliaries, near and far.

Another cause for rejoicing in the past and hope for the future, lies in the increase of more than 300 in the circulation of the *Heiden Frauen Freund* (German *Heathen Woman's Friend*), and the increasing calls for leaflets, German and English. In the year past we had two new German tracts and one reprint, which were gladly received and did much good. The printed matter was generously supplemented with mimeographed circulars and letters, which we hope to continue, but as soon as our paper is self-sustaining we will call more frequently at your door for leaflets than we have done hitherto.

In closing, we would still commend ourselves to your kindly aid for the furtherance of our work among our sisters of the German tongue, who bring to your aid their loving devotion and self-sacrifice, as an example worthy to be followed by all, as it is only following the steps of the Master, who calls us to the harvest, which is everywhere awaiting the sickle of the obedient and industrious servants.

MARGARETHA DREYER,
Sup't German Work,
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

German Work, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,

OCTOBER 1, 1891, TO OCTOBER 1, 1892.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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CONFERENCES.	Organizations.	Members.	Life Members.	Mite Boxes.	Subscribers, Heiden Frauen Freund.	Subscrib's, Heathen Woman's Friend.	Subscrib's, Heathen Children's Friend.	Receipts for all Purposes, 1892.	Receipts for all Purposes, 1891.
In Switzerland.....	20	747			08			\$265 17	\$181 05
In Germany.....	24	700			123			199 00	147 90
East German.....	11	229			121	2		401 15	289 15
Central German.....	22	484	3	139	250	27		820 71	791 29
Chicago German.....	5	160		24	175			290 79	308 85
North German.....	40	673	19	87	319	16	26	1,078 01	898 12
Northwest German.....	11	255	2	66	168			458 10	437 35
St. Louis German.....	18	642		38	315	9		643 11	655 33
West German.....	30	671	21	351	367	17	10	768 07	651 08
California German.....	4	37		25	32			47 60	40 70
Miscellaneous.....					508				9 80
Totals.....	185	4,598	46	730	2,476	71	36	\$4,971 71	\$4,411 12

Summary Home Work for 1892.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Young Women's Societies.	Members.	Children's Bands.	Members.	Total Organiza- tions.	Total Membership.	Life Members.	Life Patrons.	Honorary Managers.	Conference Secretaries.	District Secretaries.	Subscribers to Hea- then Woman's Friend.	Subscribers to Heathen Chil- dren's Friend.	Subscribers to Heiden Frauen Freund.
New England...	422	11,899	37	925	108	2,185	567	15,009	1,389	17	66	9	29	2,867	2,473	20
New York.....	826	28,687	274	3,314	73	1,042	1,173	33,043	1,699	23	138	11	44	3,568	1,848	81
Philadelphia...	335	11,179	149	4,154	.....	.....	484	15,333	96	1	3	6	32	2,156	1,277	26
Baltimore.....	106	4,331	20	897	14	747	120	5,975	3	.....	.....	1	8	834	490	56
Cincinnati.....	655	15,000	130	2,642	150	2,140	935	19,782	2,396	11	126	9	44	2,529	1,619	206
Northwestern...	947	24,202	89	1,894	121	5,074	1,157	31,170	4,066	21	168	12	73	4,988	2,422	689
Des Moines.....	409	9,644	40	798	54	1,010	503	11,452	1,562	13	40	8	35	1,813	1,143	351
Minneapolis...	229	4,876	21	494	48	1,162	298	6,532	559	15	53	9	14	856	747	448
Topeka.....	288	5,836	44	855	36	748	368	7,439	650	1	20	11	40	1,217	718	315
Pacific.....	45	954	7	184	9	207	61	1,398	32	.....	1	5	7	297	126	34
Foreign.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165	119	246
Scattering.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	222	139	2
Total.....	4,262	116,608	811	16,157	613	14,315	5,665	147,133	12,452	102	615	81	326	21,512	10,986	2,474

Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

WHEREAS, Your Committee find Miss Nellie Harris, although under the required age, especially fitted for missionary work in India, as she speaks the Hindustani language.

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend her acceptance and appointment to her native land.

2. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Miss Mary W. Harris, of the Cincinnati Branch, convince us that she is well fitted to go out as a representative of this Society; therefore we recommend her acceptance and subsequent appointment.

3. *Resolved*, That although Miss Anna Johnson and Miss Mary Peters are above the age-limit, yet, because of their special fitness for the work of a foreign missionary and the high order of their testimonials, we heartily recommend their appointment.

4. *Resolved*, That finding the testimonials of Miss Minnie E. Wilson in every way satisfactory, we recommend her acceptance and appointment by this Society.

5. *Resolved*, That after examining the recommendations of Miss Josephine Hebinger, we believe she will prove an excellent field worker and winner of souls, and recommend her acceptance and appointment to the foreign field.

6. *Resolved*, That your Committee find the testimonials of Miss Ada J. Lauck and Miss Lydia Wilkinson, both of the Des Moines Branch, in every way satisfactory, and take great pleasure in recommending their acceptance and immediate appointment.

7. *Resolved*, That we find the credentials of Dr. Mary M. Cutler and Dr. Kate McGregor perfectly satisfactory, and recommend their acceptance and appointment to medical work in the foreign field.

8. *Resolved*, That in view of the testimonials presented by Minneapolis Branch, we earnestly recommend the acceptance of Miss Eva M. Foster, and request that she be allowed to finish her course in Portland University.

9. *Resolved*, That after the examination of the testimonials of Miss Lulu E. Frey, we unhesitatingly advise her acceptance, and recommend that she take a year in some training school.

10. *Resolved*, That we also approve the action of the Reference Committee in the acceptance and appointment during the year, of the following ladies: Miss Christina Lawson and Miss Alice M. Stanton, of the New York Branch; Miss Florence L. Nichols and Miss Ella E. Glover, of the New England Branch; Miss Anna Keeler, of the Cincinnati Branch; Miss Josephine Stahl, Miss Florence Craig, and Mrs. Anna L. Davis, Miss Catherine Wood, of the Des Moines Branch; Miss Susan Harrington and Miss Emma E. Ferris, of the Minneapolis Branch.

MISS ELIZABETH PEARSON, *Chairman*.

MISS THERON R. GREEN, *Secretary*.

Report of Publication Committee.

WHEREAS, We recognize the superior ability and efficiency of Mrs. W. F. Warren, editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend her continuance in that office at the same salary as heretofore.

2. *Resolved*, That, on account of the unqualified success of the *Heathen Children's Friend*, it gives us pleasure to recommend the continuance of its present editor, Mrs. O. W. Scott, on the same terms as the previous year.

WHEREAS, The *Heiden Frauen Freund* is a valuable assistant to our German sisters, therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend its continued publication and that Mrs. Rev. Clement Achard who has given such faithful service, be retained as editor at a salary of \$250 with postage and stationery.

WHEREAS, Miss Pauline J. Walden has made an efficient business agent for the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and other publications of the Society,

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that she be continued at the same salary, in the position she has so well filled during the past years.

5. *Resolved*, That we thank Mr. A. S. Weed for the labor of auditing the accounts of the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and ask that he perform for us the same office the ensuing year.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Branch Treasurers send reports for publication in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend the continuance of the Uniform Studies as a supplement to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. *Resolved*, That we recognize the faithful work performed by the Literature Committee in the preparation of leaflets, Annual Report, Uniform Studies and active helps, and would repeat the recommendation of last year, that the sum of \$2,500 be placed at the disposal of said Committee.

9. *Resolved*, That we recommend that Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Miss P. J. Walden, Mrs. W. F. Warren, Miss M. L. Ninde, and Mrs. J. H. Knowles be continued as members of the Literature Committee for the ensuing year.

10. *Resolved*, That that Committee be empowered to meet semi-annually, their expenses to be met from the funds appropriated to the use of said Committee.

11. *Resolved*, That we instruct this Committee to publish the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the number of copies to be designated by the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

12. *Resolved*, That the table of pronunciations and definitions of foreign terms formerly published in the Annual Report be re-printed in the next issue.

13. *Resolved*, That the leaflet containing the general summary of the year's work be published as usual in leaflet form.

14. *Resolved*, That we recommend that all leaflets containing statistics or facts subject to change, be dated.

15. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Literature Committee furnish fifteen issues of miscellaneous leaflets of which fifteen thousand shall be free; ten thousand to be divided equally among the Branches; five thousand to be distributed from the office of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as needed in the work of organization.

WHEREAS, We believe that our Young Women's societies have been greatly strengthened by the contents of their department in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and,

WHEREAS, We recognize that it is from their ranks that our future missionaries as well as our home workers are to come, therefore be it

16. *Resolved*, That we recommend the continuance of that department in the *Friend*.

WHEREAS, We recognize with gratitude, the growing interest among the children of the Church, in the work of our Society, and realizing they are to be its future custodians, therefore,

17. *Resolved*, That there shall be an increased number of children's leaflets prepared by the Literature Committee, such as shall be adapted to the child mind.

18. WHEREAS, We learn with pleasure that the Little Light Bearers' Bands have been inaugurated with great success in some Branches, and that several thousand enrollment cards are in use among sister denominations and,

WHEREAS, We know that as the little ones are enrolled the interest of the mother is increased; therefore we recommend that this movement be officially endorsed by this Society. We also recommend that space be given to this work in the *Heathen Children's Friend*.

19. *Resolved*, That from all official reports of our work, the words *lady* and *ladies* be expunged except when used as a title.

20. *Resolved*, That we recommend that each Branch Corresponding Secretary appoint a Correspondent for each of the church papers within the bounds of her Branch.

21. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment by the Executive Committee of Mrs. J. H. Knowles as the Correspondent of the *New York Advocate*.

MISS E. PEARSON, *Chairman*.

MRS. M. C. WIRE, *Secretary*.

Report of Finance Committee.

1. *Resolved*, That the foreign treasurers be requested to report their quarterly statements in the currency of the country and also in United States currency, and that each official correspondent present this action to the treasurer of her respective fields.

2. *Resolved*, That missionaries who go out on reduced salaries shall receive in India and Malaysia \$325, and in China \$425, and that in all other particulars they shall be under the same rules and regulations as govern our other missionaries.

3. *Resolved*, That the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society heartily indorse the Deaconess movement in the Central China Mission, and will supply the Home at Wuhu with workers, as far as practicable, provided that the Missionary Society hold the Home in trust for the use of all deaconesses who may be sent either by the general society or by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

4. *Resolved*, That the term "incidentals to work," shall include personal teacher and expenses to conference; interpreter for medical work excepted.

5. *Resolved*, That the Northwestern Branch be empowered to increase the salary of Miss Mary Wilson from \$262 to \$325.

6. *Resolved*, That the rent of that part of the building in Puebla not used for school purposes be used by Miss Parker to meet the debt and interest on repairs.

WHEREAS, Miss Grace Stephens, in her present relation to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, cannot be made a member of the Finance Committee of the South India Conference ; therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That this General Executive Committee, in session at Springfield, Mass., do constitute her a missionary of the Society, without increase of salary.

8. *Resolved*, That we request that Miss Trimble be relieved from the charge of the Woman's School in Foochow, and be sent to the Hok Chiang District.

9. *Resolved*, That Miss Sites be placed in charge of the Woman's School in Foochow, in place of Miss Trimble.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Charlotte O'Neal, of Pasadena, Cal., has made a deed of gift to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of some property, on which there is a mortgage of \$1,000, which must be paid in December, 1892 ; therefore,

10. *Resolved*, That this sum be paid through the Branches, *pro rata* to be returned to the respective Branches when the property shall be sold.

11. *Resolved*, That the request for the division of the Minneapolis Branch be granted, and that the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana constitute the eleventh Branch, to be called the Columbia River Branch, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon.

12. *Resolved*, That Mrs. Mary C. Nind be requested to superintend the organization, and that until it is effected we name Mrs. N. S. Hanson as treasurer of the funds from said Conferences.

13. *Resolved*, That the question of the transfer of West Virginia from the Cincinnati Branch to the Baltimore Branch be left with the officers of the two Branches, to be acted upon before the expiration of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, The General Executive Committee have been informed of the increasing care and labor incident to the sending of mission boxes, and not desiring to be burdensome or longer impose upon the mission office ; therefore,

14. *Resolved*, That we will arrange to send these boxes direct to the field, through the agency of some regular shipping firm.

15. *Resolved*, That we do not see any necessity of establishing a paid agency in New York for this purpose.

16. *Resolved*, That we express to Dr. S. L. Baldwin our sincere thanks for his unvarying kindness and assiduity in accommodating this branch of our work.

Appropriations for 1892-93.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

North India Conference.

<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school.....	\$120 00
Salary of second assistant...	196 00
City Schools and Bible readers.....	136 00
Conveyance.....	63 00
Mrs. Thomas' munshi.....	18 00
Mrs. Thomas' itinerating.....	30 00
<i>Mandawar</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	79 00
<i>Nagina</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	240 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	87 00
<i>Sohara</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	88 00
<i>Sherkot</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	30 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Boarding school...	500 00
First assistant.....	278 00
Matron.....	90 00
Twelve city schools.....	218 00
School visitors.....	78 00
Conveyance.....	72 00
Repairs.....	145 00
Medical students.....	88 00
Bible readers.....	119 00
Mrs. Plumer's salary.....	65 00
Conveyance.....	22 00
Compounder.....	22 00
Medicine.....	72 00
Servants.....	20 00
<i>Amroha District</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	1,029 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	180 00
Medical work.....	255 00
<i>Roy Bareilly</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	145 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Two scholarships (perpetual).....	60 00
Total.....	\$4,521 00

Northwest India Conference.

<i>Muttra</i> , Salary of Dr. Sheldon...	\$325 00
Boarding school.....	260 00
Conveyance.....	73 00
Medical assistant.....	109 00
Hospital.....	109 00
Bible reader.....	22 00
Medicines.....	72 00
Total.....	\$970 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Bombay</i> , Home.....	\$118 00
Total.....	\$118 00

South India Conference.

<i>Hyderabad</i> , Girls' schools.....	\$300 00
<i>Madras</i> , Salary of Miss DeJor-	
dan.....	288 00
Munshi.....	38 00
Conveyance.....	92 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Orphans and scholar-	
ships.....	80 00
Total.....	\$998 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Two scholarships....	\$168 00
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Malaysia Mission.

<i>Singapore</i> , Chinese school rent	\$ 78 00
Salary of Miss Norris. ..	235 00
Scholarships.....	50 00
Total.....	\$363 00

Korea.

Half salary of Mrs. Scranton	\$300 00
Half of incidentals to the	
work.....	75 00
Native teacher.....	110 00
Man-of-all-work.....	50 00
Fuel.....	150 00
Salary of Miss Paine.....	400 00
Incidentals to the work.	150 00
Traveling expenses of Mrs.	
Scranton.....	25 00
Ten scholarships.....	480 00

Total.....	\$1,740 00
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Japan.

<i>Tsukiji (Tokyo)</i> , Teacher of sci-	
ence and mathematics.....	\$144 00
Six scholarships.....	240 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Science teacher.....	144 00
Three scholarships.....	120 00
Drawing teacher in indus-	
trial school.....	36 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Salary of Miss	
French.....	600 00
Incidentals to the work.....	150 00
Seven scholarships.....	280 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Salary of Miss Dan-	
forth.....	600 00
Incidentals to the work.....	150 00
Rent.....	150 00
Chinese and Japanese litera-	
ture teacher.	192 00
Sewing teacher.....	40 00
Miss Danforth's return pas-	
sage.....	300 00

Home and school building..	1,500 00
Hakodate, Native teacher.....	120 00
Six scholarships	240 00
Yokohama, Eight pupils in training school.....	320 00
Salary of Mrs. Inagaki.....	192 00
Salary of Mr. Kanamra.....	120 00
Insurance and taxes.....	120 00
Yamabuckachs school.....	320 00
Traveling expenses	50 00
Total.....	\$6,128 00

North China.

Peking, Salary of Miss Young.	\$400 00
Incidentals of the work	150 00
Boarding school.....	900 00
One Chinese city school	90 00
Training-school and travel- ing expenses	250 00
One industrial class.....	100 00
Dormitories.....	250 00
Coolie	50 00
Tientsin, Industrial class.....	100 00
Tsun Hwa, Salary of Miss Hale	600 00
Incidentals of the work.....	150 00
Salary of Miss Glover.....	400 00
Incidentals of the work	150 00
Salary of Dr. Terry	600 00
Incidentals to the work.....	150 00
Boarding school.....	400 00
Watchman.....	50 00
Day school.....	75 00
Total.....	\$4,925 00

Foochow.

Hai Sung, Schools.....	\$200 00
Hok Chiang, Woman's school..	150 00
Foochow, Scholarships	200 00
Foundling	30 00
Salary of Miss Hartford.....	600 00
Incidentals to the work.....	150 00
Total	\$1,330 00

Nanking.

Assistant in woman's work ..	\$37 00
Ten scholarships	250 00
Day-school assistant	36 00
Industrial work.....	20 00
Books and tracts.....	40 00
Total.....	\$383 00

Bulgaria.

Lofcha, Matron and service..	\$190 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Total	\$350 00

Italy.

Scholarships in Rome.....	\$250 00
Total.....	\$250 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Bible woman and supplies	\$152 00
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Three scholarships	210 00
School supplies	200 00
Miraflores, Native teacher and second teacher	576 00
Pachuca, Two teachers.....	620 00
Scholarships.....	350 00
Water.	32 00
Deficiency	100 00
Home.....	1,000 00
Tetela, Two scholarships.....	120 00

Total.....	\$3,360 00
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South America.

Buenos Ayres, Rent.....	\$200 00
Rosario, Salary of Miss Swa- ney.....	480 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Repairs.....	200 00
Montevideo, Salary of Miss Bowen	600 00
Incidentals of the work.....	150 00
Assistants.....	225 00
Rent.....	400 00
Rent for 1892.....	100 00
New home.....	1,000 00
Peru, Assistant.....	300 00

Total.....	\$3,855 00
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Summary.

North India Conference.....	\$4,521 00
Northwest India Conference	970 00
South India Conference	998 00
Bombay Conference	118 00
Malaysia Mission	363 00
Bengal Conference.....	168 00
Korea.....	1,740 00
Japan.....	6,128 00
North China.....	4,925 00
Foochow.....	1,330 00
Nanking.....	383 00
Bulgaria	350 00
Italy	250 00
Mexico	3,360 00
South America.....	3,855 00

Total.....	\$29,459 00
Contingent.....	2,541 00

Grand total.....	\$32,000 00
Additional.....	1,500 00

NEW YORK BRANCH.

North India.

Pauri, Scholarships	\$120 00
Pundit school assistant	65 00
Pithoragarh, Miss Tresham, sal- ary	262 00
Miss Cummins	218 00
Miss Hayes.....	218 00
Plowmen.....	152 00
Farm manager	43 00
Matron.....	437 00
Scholarships	350 00
Village schools.....	109 00
Four Bible readers.....	87 00
Repairs.....	90 00

Stable and servants' home.....	127 00	Miss Downey's itinerating.....	36 00
New barracks.....	145 00	Village and district work.....	130 00
Famine relief.....	109 00	Teachers and Bible women.....	180 00
Miss Budden's salary.....	650 00	Miss Downey's salary.....	650 00
<i>Moradabad District:</i>		Total for Northwest India	\$2,033 00
Kanth, Bible women.....	90 00		
Thakurdwara, Bible women.....	65 00	<i>South India.</i>	
Moradabad, School.....	100 00	<i>Bombay, Building.....</i>	\$708 00
Bijnour, Scholarships.....	100 00	Salary, Miss Fritchling.....	211 00
<i>Philibit District:</i>		Native teacher.....	84 00
W. Fatehgange.....	196 00	Scholarships.....	320 00
Philibit.....	154 00	Salary and passage of mission- sionary sent.....	800 00
Bisalpur.....	109 00	Gulbarga, School, Bible women	288 00
Beheri.....	54 00	Mrs. Emsberger's Munshi.....	48 00
Sisali.....	82 00	Conveyances.....	120 00
Shahi.....	54 00	House for workers.....	60 00
Khudaganj.....	36 00	Kolar, Ten scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Barcilly District:</i>		Bible woman.....	35 00
Aonla, Bible woman and schools.....	145 00	Widows.....	36 00
E. Shahjehanpoor, Bible women.....	109 00	Madras, Bible women.....	144 00
Conveyance.....	22 00	Twenty-five orphans.....	500 00
Support of two widows.....	22 00	Day schools.....	250 00
Katra, Bible woman.....	18 00	Rent.....	324 00
Barcilly, Orphanage.....	1,100 00	Matron.....	143 00
Medical work.....	255 00	Total for South India.....	\$4,271 00
Salary, Miss M. Bryan, M. D	650 00		
Conveyance.....	145 00	<i>Bengal Conference.</i>	
Bible women.....	175 00	<i>Bengal District:</i>	
Ten, city schools.....	218 00	Calcutta, Girls' school.....	\$504 00
Woman's school.....	109 00	Rent.....	360 00
Itinerating.....	11 00	Salary, Miss Maxey.....	325 00
Mohullah work.....	80 00	Hindustani work, assistant..	96 00
E. Fatehgange, Bible woman	18 00	Teacher.....	34 00
Faridpur.....	43 00	Rent.....	40 00
Khara Bajera, Bible woman.	36 00	Oorya teacher.....	34 00
Budaon, Bible women and teachers.....	218 00	Bible women.....	84 00
Scholarships.....	75 00	Howrah, Teacher.....	34 00
Lucknow, Miss Rowe's itin- erating.....	109 00	Bible woman.....	42 00
Bible readers.....	200 00	Rent.....	20 00
Conveyance.....	91 00	Mazaffarpur, Dispensary building.....	100 00
Thara work.....	157 00	Zenana work for girls.....	34 00
Kuryarapur.....	78 00	Darbhange, Bible woman	34 00
Mauppur.....	88 00	Sitaman, Bible woman.....	34 00
Ellenpur.....	74 00	Chapra, Bible woman.....	34 00
Unao.....	182 00	Total for Bengal.....	\$1,809 00
Bahraich.....	227 00		
Hurdut.....	190 00	<i>North China.</i>	
Three rooms in Lucknow College.....	900 00	Peking, Scholarships.....	\$450 00
Total for North India.....	\$6,124 00	Dormitories.....	250 00
		Teacher, boarding school.....	50 00
<i>Northwest India.</i>		Matron.....	60 00
Muttra, 12 Hindustani schools.	\$200 00	Coolie.....	50 00
Muttra and Bundaban, Bible women.....	130 00	Woman's training class.....	250 00
Bundaban, House rent.....	30 00	Industrial class.....	100 00
Agra, Village and Mohullah work.....	206 00	Mrs. Jewell, salary.....	600 00
<i>Cawnpore District:</i>		Incidentals.....	150 00
Allahabad, Work among Christians.....	82 00	Tientsin, Mrs. Crosssthwait's salary.....	600 00
Cawnpore, Scholarships.....	250 00	Incidentals.....	150 00
Matron.....	52 00	Woman's training class.....	100 00
Teachers.....	87 00	Country work.....	150 00
		Bible woman.....	100 00

<i>Tsun Hwa</i> , Scholarships.....	300 00
Matron.....	50 00
Coolie.....	50 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00

Total for North China... \$3,610 00

Central China.

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Miss L. Hoag, M. D.	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Well.....	148 00
Scholarship, expenses of school.....	335 00
Orphans.....	200 00
Medical expenses.....	200 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Miss Mitchell's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Enlarging dining room.....	250 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Matron.....	37 00

<i>Kiukiang</i> , Miss Stanton's salary.....	450 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Boarding school.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
<i>Foo-Chow</i> , Woman's school.....	254 00
Four Bible women.....	120 00
Expenses of hospital.....	200 00
Hospital Bible woman.....	72 00
Watchman.....	42 00
Matron.....	40 00
Orphans.....	120 00
Traveling expenses, Miss Carleton.....	500 00

Total for Central China... \$4,918 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Tsukiji scholarships.....	\$120 00
Mrs. Ucharu, Bible woman.....	45 00
Meta day school.....	400 00
Books and tracts.....	50 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Repairs.....	100 00
Insurance.....	133 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Miss Wilson's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Translating teacher.....	120 00
Rent.....	150 00
Repairs.....	25 00
<i>Yonegawa</i> , Miss Atkinson's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Japanese teacher.....	180 00
School incidentals.....	28 00
Bible reader.....	50 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Bible woman.....	80 00
Traveling to work.....	200 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Training school.....	120 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hampton's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent and repairs.....	100 00
Land rent.....	88 00
Insurance.....	120 00
Scholarships.....	520 0
Bible women.....	140 00

Chinese teacher.....	120 00
Music teacher.....	100 00
<i>Hiroaki</i> , Mrs. Bauen's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Bible women.....	120 00
Native teachers.....	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Gheer's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Insurance.....	108 00
Scholarships.....	680 00
Translation teacher.....	96 00
Matron.....	48 00
House for Bible department.....	432 00
Miss Inouye's salary.....	88 00
Miss Gheer, training school.....	250 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Grace Tucker's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Native principal.....	180 00
Insurance.....	96 00
Organ.....	50 00

Total for Japan..... \$10,277 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Salary of Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	\$375 00
Teacher.....	70 00
Scholarships.....	430 00
Books and stationery.....	66 00
Kinson.....	55 00
Freights and duties.....	125 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
Medicines and instruments.....	200 00
Hospital repairs.....	25 00
Medical woman to be sent.....	600 00

Total for Korea... \$1,971 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Scholarships.....	\$300 00
Matron.....	170 00
Sewing teacher.....	60 00
<i>Pisa</i> , Mrs. Biondi.....	180 00

Total for Italy..... \$710 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Clara Claya.....	\$ 62 00
Four scholarships.....	160 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$222 00

Saxony.

<i>Planen</i> , Bible woman.....	\$100 00
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Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	\$560 00
Insurance.....	40 00
Treasurer's expense.....	80 00
<i>Tezontepc</i> , Assistant teacher.....	240 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Hasting's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Teacher, Lila Dominguez.....	76 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
Books and tracts.....	100 00

Deficiency last year	100 00
New building.....	1,000 00
Puebla, Miss Parker's salary....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Primary class and sewing teacher.....	160 00
Matron, Mrs. Rodriguey.....	176 00
Scholarships.....	490 00
Orizaba, Bible woman and supplies.....	84 00

Total for Mexico..... \$5,026 00

South America.

Buenos Ayres, Miss Le Huray's salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Thompson.....	400 00
Rent of Home and boarding school.....	700 00
Eight scholarships.....	600 00
Matron and porter.....	240 00
Bible woman, Magdalena Clorcla.....	100 00
Montevideo, Rent of building..	200 00
Scholarships	150 00
New building.....	2,000 00
Pera, Miss E. Wood's salary....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent of Home and school rooms.....	330 00

Total for South America \$6,220 00

Summary.

North India	\$6,124 00
Northwest India.....	2,033 00
South India.....	4,271 00
Bengal.....	1,809 00
North China.....	3,610 00
Central China.....	4,918 00
Japan.....	10,272 00
Korea	1,971 00
Italy.....	710 00
Bulgaria	222 00
Saxony.....	100 00
Mexico.....	5,026 00
South America.....	6,220 00
Contingent	2,714 00

Grand total..... \$50,000 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

North India Conference.

Pauri, Scholarships.....	\$240 00
First assistant.....	262 00
Pundit for school and assistant.....	65 00
Five village schools.....	109 00
Additional buildings (conditional).....	3,000 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarships....	96 00
Bijnour, Scholarships.....	96 00
Barcilly, Scholarships and orphans.....	220 00
Fourth assistant.....	218 00
Salary Miss T. J. Kyle.....	650 00
Lucknow, City schools	200 00

Gonda, Assistant.....	262 00
Itinerating.....	35 00
Balrampur and Mahadeva, Schools and Bible women..	152 00

Total..... \$5,605 00

Northwest India Conference.

Muttra, Support of Mrs. Matthews.....	\$325 00
Bible readers	87 00
Agra, Medical Home, Miss Seymour.....	262 00
Servants	58 00
Conveyances.....	87 00
Cawnpore, Scholarships.....	133 00
Salary Miss McBurnie.....	650 00

Total..... \$1,602 00

Bengal Conference.

Rangoon, Two scholarships....	\$ 50 00
Calcutta, Support Miss Oram..	120 00
Mazafarpur, Building.....	100 00
Orphans.....	35 00

Total..... \$305 00

Bombay Conference.

Bombay, Salary Miss Thomas...	\$252 00
Baroda, Salary Miss Dence...	231 00
Salary Miss Hart.....	211 00
Keeping conveyance.....	250 00
Rent.....	360 00
School-teachers and Bible readers	168 00
Matron.....	105 00
Pundits and assistants	70 00
Scholarships	380 00
Purchase of conveyance	105 00
Salary Miss Thompson.....	650 00

Total..... \$2,782 00

South India Conference.

Haidarabad, Rent.....	\$100 00
Salary Miss Heafer.....	650 00
Kolar, Scholarships	100 00

Total. \$850 00

Malaysia Conference.

Singapore, Salary Miss Fox ..	\$235 00
Tamil teacher Suppamma ..	56 00
Scholarships	75 00
Contingencies	78 00

444 00

Total for India..... \$11,588 00

North China.

Peking, Building.....	\$500 00
Scholarship.....	30 00
Matron.....	40 00
Tientsin, Bible woman.....	50 00
Salary Dr. R. R. Benn.....	600 00
Incidentals contingent to work.....	150 00

Interpreter.....	100 00
Hospital gate keeper.....	50 00
Hospital current expenses and drugs.....	350 00
Coolies.....	100 00
Chair hire.....	50 00
Total.....	\$2,020 00

Central China.

Chinkiang, Salary Miss White.	\$600 00
Incidentals contingent to work.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	20 00
Kiukiang, Scholarships.....	100 00
Orphan.....	25 00
Day school.....	50 00
Bible woman and traveling expenses.....	87 00
Total.....	\$1,032 00

Foochow Conference.

Foochow, Mrs. Ahok's city and school work.....	\$350 00
Hospital expenses.....	200 00
Gateman.....	42 00
Medical students.....	100 00
Hospital evangelistic work..	60 00
Orphan.....	30 00
Salary Miss Johnson.....	600 00
Incidentals contingent to work.....	150 00
Translator.....	40 00
Postage.....	20 00
Total.....	\$1,592 00
Total for China.....	\$4,644 00

Japan.

Hakodate, Salary Miss Dick- son.....	\$600 00
Incidentals contingent to work.....	150 00
Rent and repairs of home...	80 00
Scholarships.....	360 00
Hirotsuki, Bible woman.....	100 00
Tokyo, Tsukiji scholarships...	280 00
Tsukiji insurance.....	108 00
Traveling.....	60 00
Fuel and lights.....	160 00
Salary Miss Sagara.....	88 00
Asakusa day school.....	320 00
Aoyama scholarships.....	200 00
Aoyama matron.....	68 00
Nagasaki, Scholarships.....	200 00
Bible work Mrs. Takamori..	64 00
Scholarships in Bible training school.....	40 00
Nagoya, School building.....	500 00
Total for Japan.....	\$3,379 00

Korea.

Seoul, Scholarships.....	\$144 00
Hospital attendants.....	150 00
Total.....	\$294 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, First assistant....	\$210 00
Scholarships.....	80 00
Hotanza school.....	80 00
Bible work.....	50 00
Total.....	\$420 00

Italy.

Milan, Bible woman.....	\$144 00
Rome, Scholarships.....	200 00
Total.....	\$344 00

South America.

Buenos Ayres, Assistant teacher.....	\$360 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Montevideo, Rent.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	75 00
Peru, School furniture.....	100 00
Rent.....	150 00
Bible woman and supplies...	100 00
Total.....	\$1,035 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Salary Miss Loyd.	\$600 00
Incidentals contingent to work.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
Matron.....	240 00
Rent of rooms in Gante.....	80 00
Treasurer's expenses.....	32 00
San Vicente, Native teacher..	240 00
Rent.....	40 00
School supplies.....	60 00
Guamajuato, Rent.....	288 00
School supplies.....	100 00
First assistant teacher.....	288 00
Music teacher.....	96 00
Puebla, Salary Miss Limberger	600 00
Incidentals contingent to work.....	150 00
Bible woman and supplies...	100 00
Scholarships.....	140 00
Tetela, Scholarships.....	60 00
Assistant teacher.....	240 00
Salary Miss Dunmore.....	600 00
Incidentals contingent to work.....	150 00
Pachuca, Buildings.....	2,000 00
Total.....	\$6,674 00
Amount paid on property.....	112 00
Total.....	\$28,490 00
Conditional.....	1,510 00
Grand total.....	\$30,000 00

Summary.

North India Conference....	\$5,605 00
Northwest India Conference	1,602 00
Bengal.....	305 00
Bombay.....	2,782 00
South India.....	850 00
Malaysia.....	444 00

North China.....	2,020 00
Central China.....	1,032 00
Foochow.....	1,592 00
Japan.....	3,379 00
Korea.....	294 00
Bulgaria.....	420 00
Italy.....	344 00
South America.....	1,035 00
Mexico.....	6,674 00
Total.....	\$30,000 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

North India.

Naini Tal, Mrs. Whithy.....	\$323 00
Rent.....	50 00
Conveyance.....	36 00
Two Teachers.....	72 00
Dwarahat, Bible readers.....	72 00
Pauri, Bible readers.....	82 00
Pithoragarh Scholarship.....	35 00
Village school.....	32 00
Moradabad, Girls' Boarding school.....	130 00
Second assistant.....	218 00
Conveyance.....	72 00
Budaon, Scholarship.....	40 00
Barilly, Scholarships.....	120 00
Third assistant.....	218 00
Gondah, Scholarships.....	121 00
Matron.....	35 00
Schools.....	64 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Miss Gallimore's salary.....	650 00
Narabganj, Bible readers.....	109 00
Lucknow, College scholarship, Isabel Hart.....	30 00
Coloniganj, Bible reader.....	92 00
Muttra, Bible reader.....	40 00
Total.....	\$2,741 00

South India.

Bombay, Home.....	\$124 00
Kolar, Mrs. Richards' munshi.....	40 00
Orphans.....	200 00
Days schools.....	40 00
Madras, Miss Stephens' salary.....	360 00
Miss Stephens' teacher.....	40 00
House rent.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Conveyance.....	72 00
Haidarabad, Second assistant.....	240 00
Total.....	\$1,336 00

China.

Foochow, Miss Sites' salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Girls' boarding school.....	300 00
Gateman.....	42 00
Furnishing home.....	100 00
City Hospital.....	250 00
Watchman.....	42 00
Medical students.....	75 00
Orphanage.....	1,000 00
Orphans.....	120 00

Mrs. Ahok's work.....	150 00
Kucheng, Day schools and traveling.....	600 00
Bible readers.....	96 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
Women's school.....	150 00
Hing Hwa, Juliet Turner, memorial school.....	300 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Gateman.....	42 00
Traveling in evangelistic work.....	100 00
Kiukiang, Orphans.....	40 00
Gateman and workman.....	37 00
Day schools.....	49 00
Chinkiang, Orphans.....	40 00
Books.....	25 00
Peking, Scholarships.....	120 00
Tartar City day school.....	150 00
Tientsin, Hospital matron.....	50 00
Dispensary assistant.....	50 00
Total.....	\$4,728 00

Japan.

Tokyo, Tsujiki scholarships.....	\$120 00
Teacher of Wabun.....	68 00
Kanda day school.....	450 00
Fukagawa day school.....	400 00
Aoyama, Miss Bender's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Teacher of penmanship.....	60 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Industrial Home, Embroidery teacher.....	60 00
Yokohama, Miss Simons' salary.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Bible Women.....	80 00
Nagasaki, Scholarship in training school.....	40 00
Scholarships in boarding school.....	120 00
Teacher in Japanese literature.....	172 00
Kunamoto, Bible reader.....	72 00
Hakodate, Scholarship.....	40 00
Hirosaki, Bible readers.....	200 00
Yamagata, Bible reader.....	80 00

Total \$3,692 00

Korea.

Seoul, Miss Lewis' salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Miss Lewis' traveling expenses.....	50 00
Evangelistic work.....	50 00
Orphans.....	336 00
Matron.....	60 00

Total..... \$1,246 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Orphanage.....	\$140 00
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Italy.

Rome, Bible reader.....	\$192 00
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Summary.

North India.....	\$2,741 00
South India.....	1,536 00
China.....	4,728 00
Japan.....	3,692 00
Korea.....	1,246 00
Mexico.....	140 00
Italy.....	192 00
Total.....	\$14,275 00
Conditional.....	300 00
Grand total.....	\$14,575 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Bijour</i> , Scholarships, \$140; medicines, \$18.....	\$158 00
<i>Tilhar</i>	72 00
<i>Parayan</i>	72 00
<i>Jalahabad</i>	100 00
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , Boarding and day schools, Bible women and rent.....	2,230 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
<i>Agra</i> , Medical students.....	88 00
Repairs.....	54 00
<i>Barcilly</i> , Orphans.....	220 00
Hospital repairs.....	360 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Scholarships, \$176; repairs, \$75.....	251 00
Deaconess Home, \$325; Muushis, \$43.....	368 00
Matron and teacher, \$130; Bible readers, \$92.....	222 00
Repairs, \$72; six women in home, \$78.....	150 00
<i>Sectapur</i> , Boarding and day schools and evangelistic work.....	2,500 00
<i>Gondah</i> , Scholarships, \$66; medicines, \$24.....	90 00
<i>Barabanki</i>	280 00
Miss Thoburn.....	325 00
Miss Scott.....	325 00
Miss Hoge.....	325 00
Conditional.....	710 00
Total for North India....	\$9,090 00

Bombay.

<i>Baroda</i> , Dispensary, \$440; rent and conveyance, \$340.....	780 00
Bible women and helpers, \$250; scholarships, \$20.....	270 00
Miss Ernsberger's salary.....	650 00
<i>Poona</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	800 00
Conditional.....	500 00
Bombay rent.....	236 00
Decennial conference.....	35 00
Total.....	\$3,271 00

South India.

<i>Haidarabad</i> , Rent.....	\$152 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Orphans.....	200 00
Total.....	\$352 00

Northwest India.

<i>Muttra</i> , Boarding school, \$100; conveyance, \$72.....	\$172 00
<i>Agra</i> , Conveyance, \$86; repairs, \$54.....	140 00
Total.....	\$312 00

Bengal.

Bengali work and village schools.....	\$425 00
Scholarships, \$84; Miss Blair, \$325.....	409 00
Conveyance and pundit.....	200 00
<i>Pakur</i> , Orphans.....	200 00
Bible woman.....	100 00
Building for teacher.....	100 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Miss Wisner, \$650; repairs, \$200.....	850 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Miss Keeler.....	325 00
Singapore.....	72 00
Total.....	\$2,881 00

China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Sears.....	\$600 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
Miss Frey.....	600 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	510 00
Teachers, \$100; gate keeper, \$50.....	150 00
Repairs and postage, \$200; coolies, \$50.....	250 00
Dormitories.....	250 00
<i>Tsun Hwa</i> , Miss Ketring.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Repairs, \$100; scholarships, \$90.....	190 00
Courier.....	30 00
Total.....	\$3,630 00

Foochow.

<i>Hing Hwa</i> , Day schools.....	\$800 00
Ten Bible women.....	240 00
Women's school.....	300 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Bible school scholarships.....	200 00
Repairs, \$100; gateman, \$42.....	142 00
Medical students.....	170 00
Women's schools.....	254 00
Miss Jewell.....	600 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
Miss Bonafield.....	600 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
Total for China.....	\$7,236 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodate</i> , Music teacher.....	\$100 00
Water tax, \$30; scholarships, \$160 00.....	190 00
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Repairs.....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Repairs.....	160 00
Painting house.....	280 00

Ground rent.....	220 00
Water.....	48 00
Scholarships.....	520 00
Science teacher.....	571 00
Chinese teacher.....	192 00
Four assistants.....	192 00
Etiquette.....	135 00
Primary etiquette.....	80 00
Translation.....	96 00
Miss Russell.....	600 00
Incidental contingent to work.....	150 00
Miss Bing.....	600 00
Incidental to work.....	150 00
Miss Bing return home.....	350 00
Scholarship in training school.....	40 00
Bible women Miss O'Mura.....	87 00
Tsukiji (Tokio), Scholarships.....	200 00
Repairs, \$240; traveling, \$60.....	300 00
Translation, \$110; matron, \$68.....	178 00
Aoyama, Miss Allen.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	48 00
Scholarships.....	40 00
Tracts and papers.....	50 00
Mrs. Chappelle's Bible woman.....	80 00
Funkuoka, Miss Seeds.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Two scholarships.....	80 00
City Sunday School.....	20 00
Repairs.....	120 00
Chinese teacher.....	144 00
Mathematical teacher.....	144 00
Primary teacher.....	116 00
Two sewing teachers.....	70 00
Nagoya, Mathematical teacher.....	144 00
Drawing teacher.....	20 00
Yokohama.....	80 00
Building.....	500 00

Total for Japan \$8,681 00

Korea.

Scholarships.....	\$144 00
Fuel, \$150; gateman, \$100.....	250 00
Miss Bengel, half year.....	300 00
Incidentals to work.....	75 00
Miss Rothweiler, home salary.....	350 00
New teacher.....	800 00
Chapel and dispensary.....	500 00
Dr. Cutler, outfit and passage.....	550 00
Medical instruments.....	150 00
Evangelistic work (conditional).....	350 00

Total..... \$3,469 00

Mexico.

Miss Ayres.....	\$600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	210 00
First assistant.....	384 00
Porter.....	192 00
Repairs.....	200 00
Miraflores, Porter.....	80 00
Tezontepc, Furniture.....	80 00
Supplies.....	80 00

Puebla, Assistant teacher.....	440 00
Music teacher.....	144 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Porter.....	160 00
Tax.....	288 00
Scholarships.....	210 00
Plumbing and repairs.....	200 00
Sending missionaries.....	1,000 00
Pachuca, Building.....	500 00

Total..... \$5,118 00

South America.

Montevideo, Miss Hammond.....	\$600 00
Contingent.....	150 00
Rent, \$300; piano, \$200.....	600 00
Rosario, Matron, \$300; scholarship, \$125.....	425 00
Buenos Ayres, Rent, \$300; school supplies, \$150.....	450 00

Total..... \$2,225 00

Italy.

Orphans.....	\$ 50 00
Assistant matron, \$45; furniture, \$150.....	195 00
Rent, \$100; evangelistic work, \$100.....	200 00
Bible woman, Turin.....	120 00

Total..... \$565 00

Bulgaria.

..... \$ 40 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$9,000 00
Bombay.....	3,271 00
Northwest India.....	512 00
South India.....	352 00
Bengal.....	2,881 00
China.....	7,236 00
Japan.....	8,681 00
Korea.....	3,469 00
Mexico.....	5,118 00
South America.....	2,225 00
Italy and Bulgaria.....	605 00

Total..... \$43,150 00

Conditional..... 2,350 00

Grand total..... \$46,500 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

North India.

Pauri, Second assistant.....	\$218 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Bible women.....	100 00
Itinerating.....	72 00
Servants.....	43 00
Phitoragarh, Village assistant.....	152 00
Under teacher.....	50 00
Scholarships.....	235 00
Basta, Bible readers and schools.....	168 00

<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships	250 00
First assistant	218 00
Munshi	22 00
Matron	43 00
Conveyance	64 00
Repairs	76 00
<i>Chandausi</i> , Bible women	187 00
<i>Dhampur</i> , Bible women	57 00
<i>Kundarki</i> , Bible women	109 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships	180 00
Village work	65 00
Munshi	18 00
Itinerating	36 00
<i>Panahpur</i> , Bible women	145 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships	160 00
Hospital repairs	100 00
<i>Gondah</i> , Assistant Miss Boyd ..	196 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Perrine	650 00
Miss Rowe	325 00
Third assistant	190 00
Blind women	40 00
Winslow scholarships	75 00
<i>Lucknow</i> College, Geo. F. Austin room	300 00

Total

Northwest India.

<i>Muttra</i> , English scholarships..	\$196 00
Scholarships	100 00
Matron	43 00
Land tax	24 00
Medical student, Miss Bisoras ..	262 00
Itinerating	36 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Assistant	109 00
Building and repairs	57 00
Land tax	150 00
Scholarships	64 00
Itinerating and conveyance ..	109 00
Village and district work	

<i>Bulanshahr</i> District, Zenana workers	87 00
Girls' school	17 00
Conveyance	65 00
<i>Mirzapur</i> , Bible readers	35 00
<i>Amushahr</i> , Bible readers	26 00
<i>Shikarpur</i> , Bible readers	26 00
<i>Jahangirabad</i> , Bible readers ..	35 00
<i>Skandarabad</i> , Bible readers ..	26 00
<i>Gilanthe</i> , Bible readers	52 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships	100 00
City schools	182 00
Village work	218 00
First assistant, Miss Wilson ..	325 00
Munshi	22 00
Conveyances	68 00
<i>Dataganj</i> , Bible readers	43 00
<i>Gunaur</i> , Bible readers	65 00
<i>Aligarh</i> , Louisa Soule's boarding school	1,000 00
Scholarships	600 00

Total for Northwest India \$4,317 00

South India Conference.

<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships	\$100 00
Matron and orphanage teachers	144 00

<i>Madras</i> , Miss Shaw	144 00
Miss Chatterton	288 00

Total for South India.... \$676 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss De Line	\$650 00
Miss Carroll	650 00
Miss Rowbottom	252 00
Miss Lennahan	252 00
First-year assistants	190 00
Housekeeper	64 00
Conveyances	338 00
Rent	843 00
Pundits	70 00
Bible women	120 00
Schools	60 00
Scholarships	140 00

Total for Bombay Conference..... \$3,629 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Daily	\$650 00
Miss Craig	325 00
Outfit and traveling expenses ..	650 00
Miss Stahl	400 00
Incidentals	150 00
Outfit and traveling expenses ..	650 00
Scholarships	558 00
Rent of home	360 00
<i>Asansol</i> , Bible women and school	184 00
<i>Mazaffarpur</i> , Dispensary and building	200 00
Medicines and assistant	100 00
Orphans	136 00

Total for Bengal Conference..... \$4,363 00

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Miss Hebing, outfit and traveling expenses ..	\$650 00
Matron	140 00
Scholarships	52 00
Conveyance	188 00

Total

Total for India.... \$18,733 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Steere's salary ..	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	300 00
Watchman	50 00
Incidentals for Mrs. Gamewell ..	100 00
Teacher	50 00
Shan Tung school	30 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Gloss, home salary ..	350 00
Training-school teacher	50 00
Training-school building ..	500 00
Watchman and gatekeeper ..	100 00
<i>Tsun Hwa</i> , Training-school ..	300 00

Total for North China.... \$2,580 00

Central China.

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Miss Robinson's salary	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Peter's salary	350 00
Incidentals	150 00
Repairs and taxes	110 00
Cook, matron, and nurse....	111 00
Watchman and waterman....	74 00
Orphans	60 00
Dispensary	200 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Miss Shaw's home salary	375 00
Traveling expenses	350 00
Mrs. Davis' salary	400 00
Incidentals	150 00
Outfit and traveling expenses	350 00
Scholarships	100 00
Boarding-school teacher....	85 00
Bible woman	48 00
General repairs	75 00
Cook and gateman	85 00
Enlarging dining room	250 00
<i>Kinking</i> , Miss Howe's home salary	375 00
Return traveling expenses..	400 00
Scholarships	140 00
Ida Howe's education	400 00
Women's school	150 00
Repairs	75 00
Rent of Bungalow	30 00

Total for Central China.. \$5,293 00

West China.

<i>Chungking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$200 00
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Southern China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Dr. Lyon's salary....	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Interpreter	100 00
Dr. Masters' salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Interpreter	72 00
Hospital expenses	450 00
City Hospital	250 00
Repairs	150 00
Insurance	36 00
School watchman	42 00
Day schools	500 00
Scholarships	120 00
Foundlings	120 00
<i>Ingchung</i> , Day schools	200 00
Women's schools	300 00
Bible women	48 00
<i>Hokchiang</i> , Missionary to be sent	425 00
Outfit and traveling expenses	600 00

Total

Total for China.....\$12,986 00

Japan.

<i>Yokohama</i> , Mrs. Van Petten's salary	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Bible teacher	80 00

Preparatory teacher	152 00
Assistant music teacher	80 00
Books and tracts	80 00
Fuels and lights	80 00
Furniture and repairs	80 00
Itinerating	50 00
Scholarships	280 00
<i>Tobe</i> , School	120 00
<i>Aizawa</i> , Tarbox School	120 00
<i>Kanagawa</i> , School	240 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Miss Locke's salary	400 00
Chinese teacher	144 00
Primary teacher	88 00
Music and drawing teacher..	76 00
Scholarships	360 00
Day School	480 00
Ground rent	285 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Chinese teacher	240 00
Japanese teacher	96 00
Sewing teacher	88 00
Music teacher	52 00
Scholarships	240 00
<i>Hakodate</i> , Music teacher	300 00
Mathematics teacher	192 00
Scholarships	280 00
Repairs and incidentals	160 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships	200 00
Bible women	80 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Scholarships	200 00
<i>Kagoshima</i> , Miss Forbes' salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Taylor's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Bible women	96 00
Bible training classes	96 00
Evangelistic work	48 00
City work	96 00
Traveling expenses	20 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Building	4,000 00

Total.....\$10,929 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships	\$240 00
Insurance	50 00
Repairs	200 00
Fuel	100 00

Total for Korea.....\$590 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico</i> , Scholarships	\$420 00
Assistant teacher	208 00
Physician and medicine	80 00
Water and street tax	80 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , School supplies	200 00
Rent	48 00
Sewing teacher	96 00
School furniture	80 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Music teacher	232 00
Primary teacher	252 00
Porter	128 00
Repairs and garden	160 00
School supplies and furniture	200 00
Deficiency of 1891	50 00
Purchase of property (conditional)	1,000 00
<i>Guajuato</i> , Miss Van Dorsten's salary	600 00

Incidentals	150 00
Rent	288 00
School furniture	160 00
Second assistant	192 00
Porter	124 00
<i>Tetela</i> , Miss Neiger's salary ..	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
School supplies	100 00
Porter	144 00
Repairs and water tax	60 00
Care of horse	40 00
House rent	116 00
Scholarship	56 00

Total for Mexico..... \$6,014 00

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent	\$200 00
Scholarships	150 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Porter	480 00
Matron	300 00
Scholarships	525 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Miss Hyde's salary (six months)	300 00
Incidentals	75 00
Traveling expenses	300 00
Home salary (six months) ..	188 00
Assistants	425 00
Rent	800 00
Scholarship	75 00
Day schools (conditional)	1,000 00
New missionary	375 00
Outfit and traveling expenses ..	500 00
Deficit for 1892	500 00
New building (conditional) ..	1,000 00

Total for South America. \$7,193 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Miss Hall's salary	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Vickery's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
House rent	1,000 00
Scholarships	450 00
Day teacher	170 00
New school	800 00
Contingent expenses	250 00

Total for Italy..... \$4,320 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Miss Fincham's salary (six months)	\$375 00
Traveling expenses home	250 00
Home salary (six months)	188 00
Miss Blackburn's salary	400 00
Incidentals	150 00
Traveling expenses	250 00
Miss Schenck's home salary (six months)	150 00
Miss Schenck's salary (six months)	300 00
Incidentals	75 00
Traveling expenses	250 00
Second assistant	190 00
Primary teacher	140 00
Scholarships	240 00
Repairs and incidentals	250 00

Rent of rooms	60 00
Bible work	120 00
Contingent	100 00
Postage	5 00

Total..... \$3,493 00

Germany.

Zwickau, Bible work..... \$150 00

Switzerland.

<i>Ausserescl</i> , Bible work	\$150 00
<i>Herisan</i> , Bible work	50 00
<i>Lausanne</i> , Bible work	150 00

Total for Switzerland.... \$350 00

Contingent

Grand total.. \$65,000 00

Summary.

North India Conference.....	\$4,694 00
Northwest India Conference.	4,317 00
South India Conference.....	676 00
Bombay Conference.....	3,629 00
Bengal Conference.....	4,363 00
Malaysia Conference.....	1,030 00

Total for India.....\$18,709 00

North China.....	2,580 00
Central China	5,293 00
Southern China	4,913 00
West China.....	200 00

Total for China.....\$12,986 00

Korea	590 00
Japan	10,929 00
Mexico.....	6,014 00
South America.....	7,193 00
Italy	4,320 00
Bulgaria.....	3,493 00
Germany.....	150 00
Switzerland.....	350 00
Contingent.....	256 00

Grand total... \$55,000 00

DES MOINES BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans.....	\$275 00
Medicines.....	72 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i>	424 00
Medical students.....	45 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Orphans.....	80 00
Miss Frederick	130 00
Miss Day	650 00
Third assistant.....	148 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans.....	220 00
Miss Lawson	650 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Orphans.....	300 00
Repairs.....	72 00
Medicines	72 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Mrs. J. C. Hunt.....	325 00
Miss Singh	325 00
Second assistant	242 00
<i>Gondah</i> , Bible women.....	129 00
Conveyance.....	70 00

Total for North India. \$4,227 00

Northwest India.

<i>Aligarh District.</i>	
<i>Soron</i>	\$109 00
<i>Patiyali</i>	72 00
<i>Sikandra Rao</i>	145 00
<i>Aligarh</i>	145 00
<i>Atrauli</i>	109 00
<i>Aligarh</i>	72 00
<i>Etah</i>	106 00
<i>Mustafabad</i>	39 00
<i>Salsit</i>	39 00
<i>Iyayam Gauj</i>	35 00
<i>Cawnpore, Miss Catharine</i>	
Wood, passage and salary.....	725 00
Miss Ada J. Lauck, passage and salary.....	725 00
Total for Northwest India.....	\$2,331 00

Bombay.

Miss Kennedy.....	\$650 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Rhwanda</i> , Building.....	150 00
Bible women.....	136 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Conveyance.....	14 00
<i>Jubalpore</i> , Scholarships.....	300 00
Total for Bombay.....	\$1,490 00

South India.

<i>Bangalore Yellahunka</i> , Bible women.....	
	\$ 76 00
Village work.....	72 00
Itinerating.....	72 00
Deaconess.....	325 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Bible woman.....	60 00
Orphans.....	160 00
Widows.....	50 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Emily Jones.....	312 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Total for South India.....	\$1,227 00

Bengal.

<i>Pakur</i> , Orphans.....	\$200 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Scholarships.....	280 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Miss Perkins.....	325 00
Total.....	\$905 00

Malaysia

Mary C. Nind Home.....	\$500 00
Total for India.....	\$10,170 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$540 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
Han T'seen school.....	300 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss Wilson.....	750 00
Training school.....	425 00
Total for North China.....	\$2,065 00

China.

<i>Hok Chiang District.</i>	
<i>Foochow</i> , Twelve day schools and traveling.....	\$700 00
Four Bible women.....	96 00
Woman's school.....	300 00
Miss Trimble.....	750 00
Scholarships.....	400 00
Miss Wilkinson, traveling and salary.....	925 00
Total for China.....	\$3,171 00

Central China.

<i>Kiukiang</i> , Miss Ogborn.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Mary Stone.....	375 00
Matron.....	37 00
Cook.....	37 00
Bungalow keeper.....	24 00
Doctor and medicine.....	50 00
Books and stationery.....	50 00
Total for Central China.....	\$1,423 00
Total for China.....	\$6,659 00

Japan

<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships.....	\$280 00
Japanese teacher.....	192 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
Penmanship.....	76 00
Sewing teacher.....	48 00
Miss Griffiths.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Miss De Motte.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Teacher mathematics.....	240 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Miss Phelps.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	150 00
Organ (conditional).....	50 00
Rent.....	84 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
Teacher mathematics.....	336 00
Total for Japan.....	\$4,146 00

Mexico.

Scholarships.....	\$280 00
Primary teacher.....	208 00
Lights.....	108 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Teacher.....	288 00
Rent.....	50 00
<i>Tzontepac</i> , Teacher.....	288 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Scholarships.....	280 00
Total.....	\$1,502 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Gillespie.....	\$240 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Rent.....	100 00
Bible woman.....	100 00
Rent for '92.....	100 00
Total.....	\$540 00

Bulgaria.

Miss Koonooa.....	\$180 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Total	\$340 00

Italy.

Miss Passerini.....	\$120 00
Scholarships.....	250 00
Total.....	\$370 00

Korea.

Hospital patients	\$150 00
Insurance.....	35 00
Repairs.....	75 00
Total.....	\$260 00
Purchase property.....	83 00
Contingent.....	370 00
Total.....	\$453 00

Summary.

China.....	\$6,659 00
Japan.....	4,146 00
India.....	10,170 00
Mexico.....	1,502 00
Malasia.....	500 00
South America.....	540 00
Bulgaria.....	340 00
Italy.....	370 00
Korea.....	290 00
Purchase property.....	83 00
Contingent.....	430 00
Graud total.....	\$25,000 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

North India Conference.

<i>Pauri</i> , Girls in orphanage....	\$200 00
<i>Pithora</i> , Girls in school....	300 00
School matron.....	30 00
Two teachers	50 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans	70 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	157 00
Medical student.....	43 00
<i>Gondah</i> , Four scholarships....	44 00
Total for North India....	\$894 00

Northwest India Conference.

<i>Muttra</i> , Miss Agnes Grenon...	\$218 00
Conveyance.....	72 00
<i>Mussoorie</i> , Bible women and schools.....	54 00
<i>Rajpore</i> , Bible women and schools.....	54 00
<i>Mazaffarpur</i> , Bible women and schools	65 00
<i>Roorkee</i> , Four Bible women...	157 00
Total for Northwest India.	\$620 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Bombay</i> , Rent for school building	\$843 00
Three day schools.....	189 00
Miss Seitz's salary	252 00
Eleven scholars	220 00
Conveyance.....	168 00
Miss Abram's home passage.	300 00
Miss Abram's home salary...	350 00
Total for Bombay....	\$2,322 00

South India Conference.

<i>Kolar</i> , Four orphans.....	80 00
Bible women.....	25 00
Total for South India ..	\$105 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Rangoon</i> , Orphans.....	\$128 00
Total for Bengal	\$128 00

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Mrs. Lewis	\$235 00
Six scholarships	150 00
Miss Blackmore's home passage	156 00
Miss Blackmore's home salary.....	350 00
Balance for school property.	390 00
<i>Penang</i> , School rent	95 00
Teacher.....	140 00
Total for Singapore.....	\$1,416 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Eight scholarships...	\$160 00
Total for China.....	\$160 00

Korea.

Miss Rothweiler, half home salary	\$175 00
Miss Rothweiler, half return passage	250 00
Total for Korea.....	\$425 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodate</i> , Four scholarships..	\$160 00
On Miss Kimball's salary.....	100 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , One scholarship.....	40 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Industrial School, Harrison Home.....	1,000 00
Miss Blackstock's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals for the work....	150 00
House rent	80 00
Matron.....	68 00
Japanese drawing teacher...	48 00
Japanese writing teacher....	28 00
Supplies and incidentals. ..	80 00
Nine scholarships.....	360 00
Total for Japan....	\$2,714 00

<i>Bulgaria.</i>	
Four scholarships	\$160 00
<i>Mexico.</i>	
One scholarship	\$70 00
Contingent	45 00
<i>Summary.</i>	
North India	\$ 894 00
Northwest India	620 00
Bombay	2,322 00
South India	105 00
Bengal	128 00
Singapore	1,416 00
China	150 00
Korea	425 00
Japan	2,714 00
Bulgaria	160 00
Mexico	70 00
Contingent for purchase of property	45 00
Total appropriation	\$9,059 00
<i>Conditional.</i>	
Mary C. Nind Home, Singapore	\$500 00
Contingent, additional pledge	300 00
Grand total	\$9,859 00

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

<i>North India.</i>	
Pithora, Three teachers	\$ 75 00
Barcilly, Orphan	20 00
First assistant	262 00
Budaon, Scholarship	18 00
Bible reader	50 00
Lucknow, First assistant	218 00
Total for North India	\$643 00
<i>Bombay.</i>	
Bombay, Girls' school, two teachers	\$168 00
<i>South India.</i>	
Kolar, Bible Woman	\$25 00
<i>Northwest India.</i>	
Ajmere, Mrs. Lyon's itinerating and conveyance	\$54 00
Roorkhee, Girl's school	43 00
Total for Northwest India	\$97 00
<i>Bengal.</i>	
Calcutta, Two scholarships	\$168 00
Rangoon, Two orphans	52 00
Total for Bengal	\$220 00

<i>Malaysia Mission.</i>	
Singapore, House rent	\$350 00
Scholarship	25 00
Miss Harrington's support	325 00
Miss Ferris' support	325 00
Outfit additional	200 00
Penang, School rent	140 00
Mrs. Young's salary	280 00
Total for Malaysia	\$1,645 00
<i>China.</i>	
Foochow, Two scholarships	\$40 00
<i>Japan.</i>	
Yokohama, Two girls in Bible school	\$80 00
Tokyo, Industrial school, three girls	120 00
Hakodate, Two scholarships	80 00
Total for Japan	\$280 00
Total for Branch	\$3,118 00
Conditional, Mary C. Nind Home in Singapore	1,000 00
Additional promise	100 00
Grand total	\$4,218 00

<i>Summary.</i>	
North India	\$643 00
Bombay	168 00
South India	25 00
Northwest India	97 00
Bengal	220 00
Malaysia	1,645 00
China	40 00
Japan	280 00
Conditional	1,000 00
Additional promise	100 00
Grand total	\$4,218 00

TOPEKA BRANCH.

<i>North India Conference.</i>	
Pauri, Boarding school	\$100 00
Pithoragarh, Boarding school	175 00
Bijnour, Boarding school	100 00
Teacher	40 00
Moradabad, Medical student	45 00
Kanth and Khutar	40 00
Barcilly, Boarding school	150 00
Budaon, Boarding school	250 00
Sitapur, Miss Fuller	650 00
Scholarships	90 00
Bible readers	180 00
Total	\$1,820 00
<i>Northwest India Conference.</i>	
Muttra, City schools	\$100 00
Kasganj, Four Bible readers and eight schools	300 00
Ajmere, Boarding school	1,750 00
Meerut, Boarding school	3,500 00
Total	\$5,650 00

South India Conference.

<i>Haidarabad</i> , Miss Blackmar, salary.....	\$650 00
Interest.....	300 00
Miss Clara Ward.....	204 00
Conveyance.....	120 00
Pundit.....	40 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Orphans.....	100 00
Total.....	\$1,474 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Thanna</i> , Bible women and schools.....	\$280 00
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Bengal Conference.

<i>Pakur</i> , Orphans.....	\$100 00
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China.

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school.....	\$260 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Stevenson, salary, teacher and incidentals to the work.....	850 00
Hospital current expenses.....	200 00
Drugs.....	150 00
<i>Tsun Hwa</i> , Boarding school.....	210 00
Teacher.....	40 00

Total..... \$1,710 00

Central China.

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Boarding school.....	\$120 00
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Boarding school.....	180 00

Total..... \$300 00

Foochow.

Boarding school.....	\$100 00
District Bible woman.....	45 00
<i>Hing Hwa</i> , Hamilton Boarding School.....	1,275 00
Bible woman.....	40 00
<i>Ku Cheng</i>	1,200 00

Total..... \$2,660 00

Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Miss Watson, salary and incidentals to the work.....	\$750 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible women.....	120 00
<i>Yonezawa</i> , Miss Imhof, salary and incidentals to the work.....	750 00
Papers, tracts, books and evangelistic.....	32 00
<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00

Total..... \$1,932 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	\$140 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Assistant.....	160 00
Bible woman, rent and supplies.....	120 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Scholarships.....	140 00

Total..... \$560 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Swaney, salary and incidentals to the work.....	\$750 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Assistant.....	200 00
Repairs.....	200 00
Furniture.....	60 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Property.....	500 00

Total..... \$2,010 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Scholarships.....	\$200 00
Contingent.....	654 00

Grand total..... \$17,600 00

Summary.

North India Conference.....	\$1,820 00
Northwest India Conference.....	5,650 00
South India Conference.....	1,474 00
Bombay.....	280 00
Bengal.....	100 00
North China.....	1,710 00
Central China.....	300 00
Foochow.....	2,660 00
Japan.....	1,932 00
Mexico.....	560 00
South America.....	2,010 00
Bulgaria.....	200 00
Contingent.....	654 00

Grand total..... \$19,350 00

PACIFIC BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Bhabar</i> , Bible readers.....	\$35 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans.....	150 00
Matron.....	43 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Orphans.....	175 00
<i>Moradabad District</i> , (conditional).....	100 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Kemper's salary.....	650 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Girls' school.....	50 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Girls' school.....	150 00
<i>Oudh District</i> , Inspectress Lucknow Hattie Paul.....	60 00
<i>Gondah</i> , School girls.....	205 00

Total..... \$1,618 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Two girls.....	\$96 00
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North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school scholars.....	\$60 00
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Northwest India.

<i>Agra District</i>	
<i>Ajmere</i> , Bible work, city and mohalla work.....	\$83 00
<i>Sali</i>	52 00
<i>Dudu</i>	26 00

<i>Simagar</i>	22 00
<i>Pashkar</i>	26 00
<i>Nanna</i>	22 00
<i>Nawa</i>	22 00
<i>Kishangar</i>	35 00
<i>Rupnagar</i>	35 00

Total..... \$323 00

Bombay Conference.

<i>Kamti, School</i>	\$211 00
Bible woman.....	67 00
Miss Elsanso's pundit.....	43 00
Assistant	168 00
Conveyance.....	86 00
<i>Bombay, Building fund</i>	124 00

Total..... \$699 60

Bengal Conference.

<i>Pakur Orphans</i>	\$275 00
<i>Calcutta, Boarding school</i>	84 00
<i>Rangoon, Scholars</i>	300 00
Orphans	90 00

Total \$749 00

South India.

Madras, Orphans... \$100 00

Japan.

Nagasaki, Two girls..... \$80 00

Nagoya, Bible woman..... 60 00

Tracts and papers..... 20 00

Total..... \$160 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$1,618 00
Northwest India.....	323 00
Bombay.....	699 00
Bengal.....	749 00
South India.....	100 00
Japan.....	160 00
Korea.....	96 00
North China.....	60 00
Contingent.....	245 00

Grand total..... \$4,050 00

Receipts of Society Since Organization.

From March, 1869, to April 1870.....	\$	4,546 86
" April 1, 1870, to " 1871.....		22,397 99
" " 1871, to " 1872.....		44,477 46
" " 1872, to " 1873.....		54,834 87
" " 1873, to " 1874.....		64,309 25
" " 1874, to " 1875.....		61,492 19
" " 1875, to Feb. 10, 1876.....		55,276 06
" Feb. 10, 1876, to " 1877.....		72,464 30
" " 1877, to " 1878.....		68,063 52
" " 1878, to " 1879.....		66,843 69
" " 1879, to " 1880.....		76,276 43
" " 1880, to " 1881.....		107,932 45
" " 1881, to Oct. 1, 1882.....		195,678 50
" Oct. 1, 1882, to " 1883.....		126,823 33
" " 1883, to " 1884.....		143,199 14
" " 1884, to " 1885.....		157,442 66
" " 1885, to " 1886.....		167,098 85
" " 1886, to " 1887.....		191,158 13
" " 1887, to " 1888.....		206,308 69
" " 1888, to " 1889.....		226,496 15
" " 1889, to " 1890.....		220,329 96
" " 1890, to " 1891.....		263,660 69
" " 1891, to " 1892.....		265,342 15

Total since organization..... \$2,862,453 32

Report of Agent Heathen Woman's Friend.

Pauline J. Walden in Account with Heathen Woman's Friend from Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.

To Cash on hand.....		\$1,074.94
“ Received from subscription to H. W. F..	\$10,383.05	
“ “ “ Advertising.....	660.79	
“ “ “ Rent	9.00	
“ “ “ Sale of binders.....	9.00	
“ “ “ Sale of cut.....	2.00	
“ “ “ Sale of Stereotype plates.	159.42	
“ “ “ Int. on loans and deposits	426.05	
“ “ “ Investments	2,300.00	
		\$13,949.31
“ “ “ Subscription to H. C. F..	1,444.84	
“ “ “ Sale of stereotype plates.	16.64	
		\$1,461.48
“ “ “ Subscriptions to H. F. F.	625.64	625.64
“ “ “ Sale of literature.....	1,324.09	1,324.09
		\$18,435.46
By cash paid for Printing H. W. Friend.....	\$5,454.08	
“ “ Postage and mailing H. W. F....	864.69	
“ “ Engravings H. W. F.....	129.13	
“ “ Editor's salary and incidentals...	720.23	
“ “ Agent's salary.....	700.00	
“ “ Office expenses.....	768.09	
“ “ Insurance	18.00	
“ “ Incidentals	91.50	
		\$8,745.72
“ “ Printing H. C. Friend.....	1,172.44	
“ “ Postage and mailing H. C. F....	284.13	
“ “ Editor's salary and incidentals...	260.17	
“ “ Engravings.....	35.09	
“ “ Type and setting list for mailing	197.53	
		\$1,949.36
“ “ Printing Heiden Frauen Freund	549.80	
“ “ Postage and mailing H. F. F....	97.38	
“ “ Editor's salary and incidentals...	252.99	
		\$ 900.17
“ “ Literature expenses.....		3,125.43
<i>Advanced by Order of General Executive Committee as Follows:</i>		
By Cash Missionaries expenses to Kansas City, Mo	\$334.88	
“ Agent's “ “ “	61.75	
“ Ed. of leaflet “ “ “	79.25	
“ Reports and electrotypes for Gen. Con..	33.95	
		\$ 570.64
“ Investment		1,200.00
“ On hand.....		1,944.14

\$18,435.46

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Agent.*

Examined and Approved Oct. 1, 1892.

A. S. WEED, *Auditor.*

Report of Literature Committee.

During the past year the Literature Committee held two meetings, one at Kansas City, at the close of the General Executive Committee, the other in the City of New York in March. At the first, the Committee was re-organized with the addition of Mrs. J. H. Knowles and Miss Mary L. Ninde as members. Mrs. Knowles was elected Secretary. The following is a summary of the work done during the year by the Committee:

The preparation and publication of the Twenty-third General Annual Report for 1891 and '92, of which an edition of 6,025 copies was issued.

The preparation of the Uniform Monthly Studies for each issue of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, with twelve accompanying leaflets.

January:.....Review of Work for 1891.

February:.....Spirituality the Permanent Basis of Our Work.

March:.....An Easter Service.

April:.....Muttra and Kolar India.

May:.....The King's Daughters in Heathen Lands.

June:.....History of Work in Peking, China.

July:.....Medical Work in Korea.

August:.....Work Among Eurasians.

September:....Mite Box Service—Thank Offerings.

October:.....The General Executive Committee W. F. M. S.

November:....Haidarabad and Pakur, India.

December:.....A Christmas Service.

The subject of leaflets accompanying were as follows:

The January Review, Signs of Progress; for February, Spirituality the Permanent Basis of Missionary Work; Joseph Neesima, the Spiritual Apostle of Japan. Accompanying the Easter Service was the last touching and tender appeal of our lamented Secretary, Miss Hart. For the April number was a leaflet on Muttra; May, the King's Daughters in Heathen Lands; June, the Power of the Gospel in China; July, Something About the Koreans; August, Maria, the First Martyr of the M. E. Church in India; September, A Missionary Box and What Came of It; October, Omitted; November, Jessudar, or, Snatched from a Living Death; December, No Christ, no Christmas.

Leaflets.—The number of leaflets issued during the year has exceeded the number issued the previous year by a half million pages. Twenty-seven of the old leaflets have been revised and re-printed, as follows:

A Little Girl and Missionary Jug.	Little Children.
Pitchers and Lamps.	Brief History Leaflet.
Young Ladies Here and There.	Christ Visitor.
Gungo's Question.	Such Gifts and Givers as God Loves.
Preparation for Master's Work.	Helps to Auxiliary Officers.
Capt. Allan Gardner.	Something About Melas.
He Gives Twice Who Gives Quickly.	Story of Lukia.
Ruth in the Family.	How Cotton Did Missionary Work.
A Woman's Exchange.	Prue's Missionary Money.
Wanted: A Woman's Hand.	Penny and a Prayer.
A Word About Bequests.	Heathen Woman's Prayer.
How to Interest a Missionary Society.	Never Refused God.
Never Draw Back.	Chinese Women.
Woman's Work in Calcutta and Rangoon.	

Twenty-four new ones have been issued, with the following titles:

Judith Earle's Bible Reader.	Kolar and Its White Mother.
Leaflet Report.	He Saveth to the Uttermost.
How Our Missionaries Are Made.	A Little India Missionary.
Reflex Influence.	Nellie's Gift, or Two Mitts.
Individual Responsibility.	Hindu Darkness.
Words of a Prayer.	Wanted.
In Partnership with the King.	Only a Woman.
Moving the Fence Farther Out.	Ministry of Women.
An Obituary.	Taught of the Spirit.
Tom's Bright Idea.	How the Work Spreads.
The Girls of Bulgaria.	How a Tenth Saved a Man.
If They Only Knew.	How to Fill Up the Ranks.

Of these, six were especially adapted to young people, and three of them were translated into the German. Total number of leaflets issued, sixty-six; twenty-seven re-prints, three Germans, twenty-four new ones, and twelve in connection with supplement. This represents 131 thousand of re-prints, or 370 thousand pages, 9,000 German or 60 thousand pages. The new issues represent 168 thousand leaflets, or 854 thousand pages. Of the supplements 310,000 or 620,000 pages were issued. Thus during the year the Committee has been enabled to send out exclusive of the Annual Report 618,000 leaflets, or 2,112,000 pages of miscellaneous literature.

A new wall map of our Missions in Japan, Korea, China and India, also a certificate for life membership for children has been prepared.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

FROM OCT. 1, 1891, TO OCT. 1, 1892.

Amount Appropriated for Literature.....	\$2,500.00	
To Cash Received from sale of Literature.....	1,324.09	
	<hr/>	\$3,824.09
By Cash paid for Helps and Books.....	297.31	
“ “ Leaflets from other Boards.....	203.45	
“ “ Printing 8-pp. Leaflets.....	193.81	
“ “ “ Re-prints from old Leaf-		
lets.....	185.90	
“ “ “ Leaflet Report 12-pp...	58.50	
“ “ “ Catalogues 20-pp.....	132.80	
“ “ “ Supplement.....	481.12	
“ “ “ Annual Reports.....	486.73	
“ “ “ Free Leaflets.....	115.50	
“ “ “ German Leaflets.....	54.00	
“ “ “ Editor's salary and Incidentals..	439.70	
“ “ “ Office help.....	260.00	
“ “ “ Postage and expenses.....	157.61	
“ “ “ Expenses of Committee.....	59.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,125.43
Balance on hand.....		698.66
Value of Literature on hand.....		850.00

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Treasurer.*

Report of Zenana Paper.

This valuable paper has been doing a great and good work. It has found its way into native hospitals, and the homes of rich and poor. It has given words of cheer, comfort and instruction. Seven Missions besides our own, take copies, and the circulation is extending each year.

One woman said that "the people who provided that paper would have a good death and a good place in heaven." No money invested by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has paid better than providing this Christian paper for India's women.

Report of Treasurer of Zenana Paper Fund from Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892.

Balance Oct. 1, 1891.....	\$270.66
Interest on invested funds from New England Branch.....	119.62
Baltimore Branch.....	210.00
Des Moines Branch.....	63.00
Topeka Branch.....	38.50
Northwestern Branch.....	94.00
New York Branch.....	38.78
Philadelphia, New York, Northwestern and Cincinnati Branches, united investment.....	616.00
For Marathi Edition.....	250.00
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	\$1,700.56

SENT TO INDIA.

March 1, 1892.....	\$750.00
Sept. 27, 1892.....	700.00
Aug. 1, 1892.....	250.00
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Balance56

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Includes eleven associated Branches. Their territorial limits and respective Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers are as follows:

- I. New England States.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. P. Alderman, 32 Everett St., Hyde Park, Mass.; Treasurer, Miss Mary E. Holt, 4 Berwick Park, Boston, Mass.
- II. New York and New Jersey,
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William B. Skidmore, 230 W. 59th St., New York City; Treasurers, Mrs. J. M. Cornell and Mrs. H. J. Heydecker, 141 Centre St., New York.
- III. Pennsylvania and Delaware.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. L. Keen, 1209 Arch St., Philadelphia; Treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Foss, 2043 Arch St., Philadelphia.
- IV. Maryland, District of Columbia and Eastern Virginia.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Stevens, 340 E. 20th St., Baltimore, Md.; Treasurer, Mrs. E. R. Uhler, 661 W. Fayette St., Baltimore.
- V. Ohio, Western Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.
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- VIII. Minnesota, North and South Dakota.
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- IX. Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming.
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Matilda Watson, Bellwood, Neb.; Treasurer, Mrs. A. N. Davis, Lincoln, Neb.
- X. California, Nevada, and Arizona.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Crow, 1210 N. 7th St., Los Angeles, Cal.; Treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Cook, 2530 Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Cal.
- *XI. Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. C. Wire, Mt. Tabor, Oregon, Treasurer, Miss Lizzie Weed, Tacoma, Wash.

*The XIth Branch was organized Dec. 7th, 1892.

Information respecting the Society may be obtained on application to any of the above-named Secretaries.

Committee of Reference.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the several Branches, constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West 59th St., New York, is *Chairman*, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 7 Crescent Place, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is *Secretary*.

All communications to be brought before the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the interim of the General Executive Committee should be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

- South America and North China:* Mrs. Alderman.
Rohilkund District, India, Central China and Korea: Mrs. Skidmore.
Mexico and Central Japan: Mrs. Keen.
Yokohama: Mrs. Alderman.
Foochow and South India: Mrs. Stevens.
Oudh District, India, and Southern Japan: Mrs. Cowen.
Italy, Bulgaria and Kumaon District, India: Mrs. Crandon.
Bombay Conference: Mrs. Huston.
Malaysia: Mrs. Winchell.
Northwest India: Miss Watson.
Bengal Conference: Mrs. E. M. Crow.
Northern Japan: Mrs. M. C. Wire.

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- North and Northwest India:* Miss Anna E. Lawson, Bareilly, India.
Bombay Conference and South India: Miss Mary E. Carroll, Gilder Street, Bombay, India.
Bengal Conference: Miss Elizabeth Maxey, 1 Wellington Square, Calcutta, India.
Singapore: Miss Susan Harrington, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
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Chinkiang: Miss Mary E. Robinson, Chinkiang, China.
Foochow: Miss Ella Johnson, Foochow, China.
Korea: Mrs. Mary F. Scranton, Seoul, Korea.
Tokyo and Nagoya: Miss Mary B. Griffiths, 13 Tsukiji, Tokyo, Japan.
Yokohama: Miss Maud E. Simons, 221 Bluff, Yokohama, Japan.
Hakodate: Miss Minnie Hampton, Hakodate, Japan.
Kiushiu: Miss Anna E. French, Nagasaki, Japan.
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Mexico: Miss Mary De F. Loyd Apartado 345, Mexico City, Mexico.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869.....	*Miss Clara A. Swain, M. D....	Khetri Rajputana, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Castile, N. Y.
1869.....	" Isabella Thoburn.....	Lucknow, India.....	New York.....	Delaware, O.
1870.....	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
1872.....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Home.....	New York.....	Lansing, Mich.
1872.....	" Lucy A. Hoag, M. D....	Chin Kiang, China.....	Topeka.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Haidarabad, India.....	New York.....	W. Springfield, Pa.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	New England.....	Chelsea, Mass.
1874.....	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern.....	Chicopee, Miss.
1874.....	" Lou B. Denning.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Normal, Ill.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Home on Leave.....	New England.....	Lawrence, Mass.
1878.....	" Clara M. Cushman.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Keyser, W. Va.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	New York.....	Bellewood, Pa.
1879.....	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Bucyrus, O.
1880.....	" Anna B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	New York.....	Almorah, India.
1880.....	" Annie Budden.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	New York.....	New York, N. Y.
1881.....	" Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodate, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Neponset, Ill.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Home on leave.....	New England.....	Newark, N. J.
1881.....	Miss Emma S. Knowles.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern.....	India.
1881.....	" Phoebe Rowe.....	Lucknow, India.....		

*Miss Swain, the first medical missionary sent out by the society, served efficiently for fifteen years, and is now engaged in work as physician to the palace of the Rajah of Khetri.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1881.....	Miss Frances J. Wheeler.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern ..	Chicago, Ill.
1882.....	" Anna P. Atkinson.....	Home on Leave	New York.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1883.....	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Home on Leave	New York.....	California.
1883.....	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Topeka	Nebraska.
1884.....	" Ella J. Hewett.....	Home on Leave	Philadelphia ..	Gilead, Mich.
1884.....	" Emily L. Harvey.....	Home on Leave	New England..	South Barton, Vt.
1884.....	" Mary Christianity, M. D.....	Home on Leave	New England..	Washington, D. C.
1884.....	" Fannie M. English.....	Home.....	New York.....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	Cawnpore, India.....	New York.....	Rome, N. Y.
1884.....	" Margaret C. Hedrick.....	Home on Leave	New York.....	S. Charleston, O.
1884.....	" Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, India.....	Northwestern ..	Elwood, Ill.
1884.....	" Mary Reed.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Becketts, O.
1884.....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	Northwestern ..	Michigan.
1884.....	" Carrie I. Jewell.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Harmar, O.
1884.....	" Eleanor LeHuray.....	Buenos Ayres, S. A.....	New York.....	Summit, N. J.
1884.....	" Mary De F. Loyd.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Philadelphia ..	Hillsboro, O.
1884.....	" Linna A. Schenck.....	Home on Leave	Northwestern ..	Muskegon, Mich.
1885.....	Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	Seoul, Korea.....	N. E. & N. Y. .	Cleveland, O.
1885.....	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D.....	Home on Leave	Northwestern ..	Chicago, Ill.
1885.....	" Theresa J. Kyle.....	Bareilly, India.....	Philadelphia ..	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885.....	" Emma M. Hall.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern ..	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1885.....	" Lida B. Smith.....	Home on Leave	New York.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1885.....	" Julia Wisner.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1886.....	" Lizzie Hewett.....	Home on leave.....	Northwestern ..	Gilead, Mich.
1886.....	" Anna Lawson.....	Bareilly, India.....	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886.....	" Delia A. Fuller.....	Sitapore, India.....	Topeka	Boulder, Col.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES,	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1886.....	Miss Kate McDowell, M. D.	Home on Leave	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1886.....	" Nellie R. Green.....	Home on Leave	New England	England.
1886.....	" Hattie L. Ayres.....	Mexico City, Mexico.	Cincinnati	Hillsboro, O.
1887.....	" Edna G. Terry, M. D.	Home on leave.	New England	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	" Ella C. Shaw.....	Home	Northwestern	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887.....	" Minnie F. Abrams.....	Home	Minneapolis	Mapleton, Minn.
1887.....	" Mabel C. Hartford.....	Foochow, China	New England	Dover, N. H.
1887.....	" Sophia Blackmore.....	Singapore Straits Settlement.	Minneapolis	Australia.
1887.....	" May E. Carlton, M. D.	Home on Leave.	New York	Brownsville, N. Y.
1887.....	" Louise C. Rothweiler.....	Home	Cincinnati	Berea, O.
1887.....	" Ella B. Fincham.....	Loftcha, Bulgaria.	Northwestern	Petosky, Mich.
1887.....	" Annie Gallimore.....	Gonda, India.	Baltimore	Newport, Ky.
1888.....	" Mary Atkinson.....	Yonezawa, Japan.	New York	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1888.....	" Belle J. Allen.....	Toyko, Japan.	Cincinnati	Bellefontaine, O.
1888.....	" Anna L. Bing.....	Nagasaki, Japan.	"	Delaware, O.
1888.....	" Julia Bonafield.....	Foochow, China.	"	Tunmelton, W. Va.
1888.....	" Kate A. Blair.....	Calcutta, India.	"	Toledo, O.
1888.....	" Mary E. Bowen.....	Montevideo, S. A.	New England	Warren, R. I.
1888.....	" Mary E. Carroll.....	Bombay, India.	Northwestern	Joliet, Ill.
1888.....	" Mary A. Danforth.....	Nagoya, Japan.	New England	Colebrook, N. H.
1888.....	" Augusta Dickerson.....	Hakodate, Japan.	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.....	" Martha A. Day.....	Moradabad, India.	Des Moines.	Mt. Pleasant, Ia.
1888.....	" I. Ernsberger, M. D.	Baroda, India.	Cincinnati	Delphus, O.
1888.....	" Estella M. Files.....	Home on leave.	New York	Brockport, N. Y.
1888.....	" Lillian G. Hale.....	Tsun Hwa, China.	New England	W. Newberry, Mass.
1888.....	" Minnie J. Hyde.....	Montevideo, S. A.	Northwestern	Quincy, Mich.
1888.....	" Ella Johnson.....	Foochow, China.	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1888.....	Miss Mary Ketring.....	Tsun Hwa, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Napoleon, O.
1888.....	" Elizabeth Maxey.....	Calcutta, India.....	New York.....	London, O.
1888.....	" S. McBurnie.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.....	" Emma Mitchell.....	Nanking, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888.....	" Florence Perrine.....	Lucknow, India.....	Northwestern.....	Princeville, Ill.
1888.....	" Sarah Peters.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	".....	Dayton, O.
1888.....	" Lucy W. Sullivan.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Excelsior, Minn.
1888.....	" Martha A. Sheldon, M. D.....	Muttra, ".....	New England.....	W. Salisbury, Wis.
1889.....	" Anna S. French.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	".....	Adrian, Mich.
1889.....	" Anna E. Steere.....	Tientsin, China.....	Northwestern.....	Lincoln, Neb.
1889.....	" Louisa Imhoff.....	Yonezawa, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1889.....	" Mary E. Wilson.....	Nagoya.....	New York.....	South America.
1889.....	" Elsie Wood.....	Lima, South America.....	".....	Fredericktown, O.
1889.....	" Maude E. Simons.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Marathon, Ia.
1889.....	" Mary B. Griffiths.....	".....	Des Moines.....	Sioux City.
1889.....	" Frances E. Phelps.....	".....	".....	Corning, Ia.
1889.....	" Frances O. Wilson.....	Peking, China.....	New York.....	Marilla, N. Y.
1889.....	" Theda A. Parker.....	Pueblo, Mexico.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.
1889.....	" E. A. Bender.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Eau Clair, Mich.
1889.....	" Martha E. Taylor.....	Kagoshima, Japan.....	".....	Russellville, Ind.
1889.....	" Ellen Forbes.....	".....	Cincinnati.....	Cincinnati, O.
1889.....	" Fanny Scott.....	Lucknow, India.....	".....	New Matamoras, O.
1889.....	" Ruth Sellars.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Des Moines.....	Galva, Ia.
1889.....	" Lydia A. Trimble.....	Foochow, China.....	Minneapolis.....	Shadeland, Ind.
1889.....	" Ellen Blackstock.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	New York.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
1889.....	" Georgiana Baucus.....	Hiroaki, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Canton, O.
1889.....	" Anna Thompson.....	Baroda, India.....		

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1889.....	Miss Amelia Van Dorsten.....	Tetela, Mexico.....	Northwestern.....	Wisconsin.
1890.....	" Rachel R. Benn, M. D.....	Tientsin, China.....	Philadelphia	Edinboro, Pa.
1890.....	" Ida Stevenson, M. D.....	"	Topeka	Chicago.
1890.....	" Ella Lyon, M. D.....	Foochow, "	Northwestern.....	Spencer Creek, Mich.
1890.....	" Ruth Sites.....	"	Baltimore	Washington, D. C.
1890.....	" Grace Tucker.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	New York.....	Rochester, N. Y.
1890.....	" Margaret Bengal.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati	Pomeroy, O.
1890.....	" Leonora H. Seeds.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	"	Delaware, O.
1890.....	" Rebecca Dailey.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern.....	Greenburg, Ind.
1890.....	" Fannie A. Perkins.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Des Moines.....	Indianola, Ia.
1891.....	" Ella Vickery.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern.....	Evansville, Ind.
1891.....	" Mary F. Swaney.....	Rosario, S. A.....	Topeka	Manhattan, Kas.
1891.....	" Cecilia M. Frey.....	Peking, China.....	Cincinnati	Willoughby, O.
1891.....	" Anna R. Limberger.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Philadelphia	Danville, Pa.
1891.....	" Kate L. Ogden.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Des Moines	Union Mills, Ia.
1891.....	" Jennie Locke (assistant).....	Tokyo, Japan.....	"	Japan.
1891.....	" Laura M. White.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
1891.....	" Mary De Motte.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Des Moines	Jacksonville, Ill.
1891.....	" Ella A. Lewis.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New York.....	New York City.
1891.....	" Louisa Haefer.....	Haidarabad, India.....	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
1891.....	" Harriet Kemper.....	Moradabad, "	Des Moines	Stuart, Ia.
1891.....	" Mary Bryan, M. D.....	Bareilly, "	New York.....	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
1891.....	" Mary Kennedy.....	Bombay, "	Des Moines	Des Moines, Ia.
1892.....	" L. Crosswaite.....	Tientsin, China.....	New York.....	New York City.
1892.....	" Effie Dunmore.....	Tetela, Mexico.....	Philadelphia	Auburn Corners, Pa.
1892.....	" Rebecca J. Hammond.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	Cincinnati	Blue Ball, O.
1892.....	" Lillian Neiger.....	Guanajuato, Mexico.....	Northwestern.....	Danville, Ind.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1892.....	Miss Josephine O. Payne.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New England..	Boston, Mass.
1892.....	" Effie G. Young	Peking, China.....	"	Waltham, Mass.
1892.....	" Luella Masters, M. D.	Foochow	Northwestern...	Thorntown, Ind.
1892.....	" Elizabeth Hoge.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati	Bellaire, O.
1892.....	" Anna C. Keeler.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	"	Hubbard, O.
1892.....	" Kate A. Blackburn	Loficha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern...	Jacksonville, Ill.
1892.....	" Catharine Wood.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	Humeston, Ia.
1882.....	" Ada J. Louck.....	"	"	Indianola, Ia.
1892.....	" Frances Craig.....	Calcutta,	Northwestern...	Evanston, Ill.
1892.....	" Josephine Stahl.....	"	"	Diagonal, Ia.
1892.....	" Christina Lawson.....	North India.....	New York.....	Green Island, N. Y.
1892.....	" Ella J. Glover	Tsun Hwa, China.....	New England...	Boston, Mass.
1892.....	" Susan Harrington.....	Singapore	Minneapolis....	Portland, Ore.
1892.....	" Emma E. Ferris.....	"	"	Athens, Ore.
1892.....	" Josephine Hebinge.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern...	Bay City, Mich.
1892.....	" Lydia J. Wilkinson.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines.....	Diagonal, Ia.
1892.....	" Mary T. Cutler, M. D.	Seoul, Korea.....	Cin. & N. York.	Pomeroy, O.
1892.....	" Alice M. Stanton.....	Nankin, China.....	New York.....	Saranac, N. Y.

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ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.

MISSIONARIES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
Mrs. Anna L. Davis.....	Oak Park, Ill.
Miss Nellie Harris.....	Berea, O.
" Anna Johnson.....	Oak Park, Ill.
" Mary W. Harris.....	Delaware, O.
" Mary Peters.....	Princeville, Ill.
" Minnie E. Wilson.....	Shelbyville, Ill.
" Eva M. Foster.....	Portland, Ore.
" Lulu E. Frey.....	Bellevue, O.
" Kate McGregor, M. D.....	Bad Axe, Mich.
" Florence M. Nichols.....	Boston, Mass.

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RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
	Miss Sarah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....		Trenton, N. J.

ENTERED INTO REST.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.		
1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....	Peking, China.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney.)	Bareilly, India.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	Africa.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang.....	" April 23, 1884.
1871.....	" Beulah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1880.....	" Cecilia Guelfi.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	" 1886.
1881.....	" Harriet Kerr.....	Bareilly, India.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1880.....	" Florence Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.
1878.....	" Henrietta Woolston, M. D.....	Moradabad, India.....	" Nov. 5, 1887.
1872.....	" Elizabeth M. Pultz.....	".....	" Jan. 13, 1892.
1883.....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	" April 22, 1892.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	" Aug. 31, 1892.
1888.....	" M. E. V. Pardoe.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Sept. 27, 1892.
1887.....	" Mary A. Vance (Mrs. Belknap).....	".....	

POSTAGE TO FOREIGN LANDS.

The rates of Postage to Mexico are the same as in the United States. To all other points where our Missionaries are stationed, letters weighing half an ounce are five cents; newspapers one cent for each two ounces; postal cards two cents. Foreign postal cards may be procured at any post-office.

FOREIGN MONEY.

In India a *Pice* is one-fourth of an anna, or about two-thirds of a cent.

An *Anna* is one-sixteenth of a Rupee.

The Rupee varies in value, and is now worth about 33 cents.

JAPAN. The *yen* (or dollar) whether in gold or silver differs but slightly in value from the gold and silver dollars of the United States. One hundred *sen* in the *yen*.

CHINA. A *cash* is one mill. The *tael* is worth in gold about \$1.15. The Mexican dollar is also used in China.

UNIFORM STUDIES FOR 1893.

January.—Review of work for 1892.

February.—Biographical sketches of Misses Everding, Layton and Pardoe.

March.—Spiritual development of work in mission fields.

April.—Easter service.

May.—Mission work on the Congo.

June.—Epworth Leagues, and what they are doing in foreign fields.

July.—Peru.

August.—Mission work in the New Hebrides Islands.

September.—Proportionate Giving.

October.—The Columbian Exposition and Missions.

November.—Idols and temples of Japan.

December.—Christmas service.

Constitution

OF

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to the women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute Membership, and twenty dollars Life-Membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become a Manager for Life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor a Patron for Life.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet in Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SECTION 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be :

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Correspond-

ing Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields ; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society ; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated ; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society ; fixing the amounts to be raised ; employing new missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SECTION 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church :

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States.....	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey.....	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware.....	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.....	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.....	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.....	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri.....	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.....	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.....	Topeka.
X.	California, Nevada, Arizona.....	Los Angeles.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.....	Atlanta.
XII.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.....	New Orleans.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Execu-

tive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch, and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursements of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible women and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction, or with the approval, of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings, and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATING TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any other member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our regular church services, nor in any Sunday Schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday Schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the pastor to the annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collectons in the annual and General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this paragraph, (§ 362), shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the women from taking collections in meetings convened in the interests of their Societies; nor from securing memberships and life memberships in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals, or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By-laws of the General Executive Committee.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said Committee and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the Committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reception of estimates, Memorials and Petitions.
5. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
6. Report of Committee of Reference.
7. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
8. Report of official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of Constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All women speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.

4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

By-laws

OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2 Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible-readers, Boarding Schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign Treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1 ; Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make Life Members, Honorary Managers or Honorary Patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done ; all the installments to be credited on the Treasurer's Book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our Foreign Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the chairman of Committee of Reference on or before October 1st, that she may have them copied and put in the hands of the Corresponding Secretaries on or before session of General Executive Committee.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign field are instructed to forward receipts for remittances and a statement of balance in hand, quarterly, to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers, and a full financial statement annually to the Official Correspondent of the specific mission field in time to insure its arriving before October 1st of each year.

3. The appropriations for the foreign fields shall be paid on the basis of the currency of the country, the exchange therefrom accruing to our treasury, with the exception of the salaries of the missionaries, which shall be paid on the basis of American gold.

4. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that Committee. Our Missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the General Executive Committee. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application, properly endorsed by the Missionary authorities, to the Committee of Reference.

5. If any surplus funds remain in the Foreign Treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must report to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The Chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the Secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that Secretary, or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses, in her medical work; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract : I, ——, Corresponding Secretary of —— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ——, agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling expenses of —— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage ; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, when necessary, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. We recommend, when practicable, that such an arrangement be made for the duties of our Missionaries during their first year's service as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be four hundred dollars, with one hundred and fifty for incidentals. Medical Missionaries shall from the first receive full salary.

15. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her, unless otherwise provided for.

16. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church, and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows :

OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. Definition of relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given by the bishops, in May, 1881.

“ To the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society :

To your questions we respectfully reply as follows :

1st. We take the liberty to refer you to our action bearing date November 22, 1877, a copy of which is as follows :

'TEACHERS IN MISSION SCHOOLS.'

In the judgment of the bishops it is not within the right of the superintendent of a mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interfere authoritatively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York.

2d. In case of difference between appointee and the Mission (including the superintendent), which cannot be adjusted between the parties without unreasonable delay, we recommend that such difference, with the papers and facts, be referred by the parties to the bishop in charge, for final decision.

3d. It is our judgment that the missionaries sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be permitted to be present at the meetings of the Mission, and to speak on all matters relating to their work.

Most respectfully and sincerely,

WILLIAM L. HARRIS."

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules :

1. In general : The position of a lady missionary, placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations, is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular : The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory super-

vision, auditing the accounts, (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Woman's Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as woman Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a woman Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the woman by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting Missionary candidates, shall have a personal interview with each woman presented, before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A Missionary candidate must believe herself Divinely called to the work of a foreign Missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign Missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill health ; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time ; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian Work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

8. Every Missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract :

"I, ———, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

9. After the adoption of a Missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

10. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

11. The application of a missionary candidate with corresponding testimonials shall cover the following particulars : Health, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, intellectual qualities and culture, religious experience and usefulness, and general fitness for the work.

First. Health, attested by a properly certified health certificate.

Second. Personal religious experience. Belief in the doctrines and identification with the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Experience and efficiency in Christian work.

Conviction and call to missionary work, and the intention to give to it the service of the life.

Third. Testimonials are further necessary as to grade of scholarship, whether it includes the study of Latin or any modern language, with facility in its acquirement ; knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental. Diploma of scholarship.

Certificate of experience and success in teaching.

Fourth. Testimonials are also required as to executive ability, adaptability to people and circumstances, and whatever personal qualities are necessary for greatest efficiency in Christian work.

VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the first of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.

4. A committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be entrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The traveling expenses of the editor and agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the chairman of Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. There shall be a Literature Committee, whose work shall be to

edit the annual Report, to provide leaflets, uniform readings, lesson leaves, and other helps for monthly and public meetings, and to superintend all publications of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. In no case shall the amount used in publishing interests, or for any other demands, infringe upon a capital of \$5,000, to be retained in the treasury of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

10. This Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

IX.—ZENANA PAPER.

1. The Constitutional Publication Committee shall take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana Paper, and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

2. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall have the control of the investment of the funds raised for the support of the Zenana Paper within the bounds of her Branch, with the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee; the interest on investments to be paid semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper.

3. The Woman's Conference in India shall nominate a Committee consisting of five persons, three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher, to supervise the interests of the Paper, and arrange with the Press Committee for editing and publishing the Zenana Paper in the various languages and dialects required; these nominations to be subject to the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee in America.

4. The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India, shall send an Annual Report of the Zenana Paper to the Chairman of the Constitutional Publication Committee, with the amount of circulation and items of interest, in time to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in America.

5. The Treasurer in India of the funds of the Zenana Paper shall furnish the Constitutional Publication Committee an Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of said paper, in time to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee in America.

6. A report of the Zenana Paper shall be published in the Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. The Treasurer of the Zenana Paper funds in America shall send the interest on the investments direct to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper in India, only upon order of the Chairman of Constitutional Committee.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK, {
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

We, the undersigned, Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Sarah K. Cornell and Harriet B. Skidmore, of the City of New York, and Susan A. Sayre, of the City of Brooklyn, being all citizens of the United States of America, and citizens of the State of New York, do hereby, pursuant to, and in conformity with, the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed on April 12th, 1848, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable and missionary societies," and the several Acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together and form a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which we certify is the name or title by which said Society shall be known in law. And we do hereby further certify that the particular business and object of said Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

That the number of Managers to manage the business and affairs of said Society shall be seventeen, and that the names of such Managers of said Society, for the first year of its existence, are: Lucy A. Alderman, Sarah L. Keen, Ellen T. Cowen, Sarah E. Crandon, Mary C. Nind, Elizabeth K. Stanley, Harriet M. Shattnek, Eliza B. Stevens, Caroline R. Wright, Harriet B. Skidmore, Josephine D. Easter, Annie R. Gracey, Mary L. Dennler, Sarah K. Cornell, Anna A. Harris, Ordella M. Hillman and Susan A. Sayre.

That the place of business or principal office of said Society shall be in the City and County of New York, in the State of New York.

Witness our hands and seals this 20th day of December, A. D., 1884.

CAROLINE R. WRIGHT,	[Seal]
ANNA A. HARRIS,	"
HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,	"
SARAH K. CORNELL,	"
SUSAN A. SAYRE,	"

STATE OF NEW YORK, {
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

On the 20th day of December, 1884, before me personally came and appeared Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Harriet B. Skidmore and Sarah K. Cornell, to me known, and to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

ANDREW LEMON,
Notary Public, (58)
New York County.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF KINGS, {
CITY OF BROOKLYN, } ss.

On the 22d day of December, A. D., 1884, before me personally came Susan A. Sayre, to me known, and known to me to be one of the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

F. G. MINTRAM,
Notary Public for Kings County.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF KINGS. } ss.

I, Rodney Thursby, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said county (said court being a Court of Record), Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that F. G. Mintram, whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of Proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public of the State of New York, in and for the said County of Kings, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said Certificate is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of New York.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court, this 24th day of December, 1884.

[SEAL.]

RODNEY THURSBY, *Clerk.*

(Endorsed.)

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Certificate of Incorporation, December 27, 1884.

I, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, for the First Judicial District, do hereby approve the within certificate, and do consent that the same be filed pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12th, 1848, and the several Acts extending and amending said Act. Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1884.

ABM. R. LAWRENCE, J. S. C.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss.

I, James A. Flack, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original. Endorsed, filed and recorded, Dec. 27th, 1884, 1 hour, 25 minutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this 12th day of November, 1888.

[SEAL.]

JAMES A. FLACK, *Clerk.*

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York.....Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," (describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society) and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

The following resolution was adopted at the General Executive Committee at Springfield, Mass., and ordered published in the Annual Report:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, be authorized to accept and receive all gifts and legacies to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or to any Branch thereof, and to give all suitable receipts, releases and acquittances therefor, under the corporate seal, or otherwise; and also, by the direction of a majority of the members of the Reference Committee, given either at a meeting of said Committee, or separately by the individuals comprising the same, to execute under the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver conveyances or releases of any land or property owned, held, or claimed by the said Society, or any other instrument necessary or useful for the promotion of the purposes of said Society.

LUCY A. ALDERMAN,
HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,
SARAH L. KEEN,
ELIZA B. STEVENS,
ELLEN T. COWEN,

SARAH E. CRANDON,
MARY S. HUSTON,
CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL,
MATILDA WATSON,
ELIZABETH M. CROW.

Missionaries

SENT OUT FROM AMERICA OR EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1869.

<i>m</i> Akers, Estella, M. D.	<i>r</i> Fuller, Delia A.	Kennedy, Mary E.
Atkinson, Anna P.	Field, Nella H.	Keeler, Anna C.
Atkinson, Mary	Fincham, Ella A.	
Ayres, Harriet L.	Files, Estella M.	<i>m</i> Lore, Julia A., M. D.
Abrams, Minnie F.	Forbes, Ella R.	<i>d</i> Layton, M. E.
Allen, Belle J.	French, Anna L.	<i>m</i> Leming, Sarah
	Frey, Celia M.	Le Huray, Eleanor
<i>m</i> Brown, Maria	Ferris, Emma E.	Loyd, Mary De F.
Blackmar, Lou E.		<i>r</i> Latimer, Laura
<i>r</i> Bushnell, Kate C., M. D.	<i>d</i> Green, Lucilla H., M. D.	<i>m</i> Lauck, Anna J.
Budden, Annie	<i>r</i> Gibson, Eugenia	Lawson, Anna E.
<i>m</i> Benton, Emma	Gheer, Jennie M.	Lyon, Ella, M. D.
Bonafield, Julia A.	<i>m</i> Goodenough, Julia E.	Lewis, Ella A.
Blackmore, Sophia	<i>d</i> Gilchrist, Ella, M. D.	Limberger, Anna R.
Bing, Anna L.	<i>d</i> Guelfi, Cecilia	Lawson, Christine H.
Blair, Kate A.	Green, Nellie R.	Lauck, Ada J.
<i>r</i> Black, Lillian R.	Gloss, Anna M., M. D.	
Bowen, Mary E.	Gallimore, Anna	<i>m</i> Monelle, Nancy, M. D.
Bender, Elizabeth A.	Griffiths, Mary B.	<i>m</i> Mason, Letitia, M. D.
Blackstock, Ella	Glover, Ella F.	<i>r</i> Mulliner, Clara
Baucus, Georgiana		<i>m</i> McMillan, Carrie
Benn, Rachel, M. D.	Harvey, Emily L.	<i>d</i> Michener, Emma
Bengel, Margaret	Hedrick, M. C.	<i>m</i> McKesson, Mary
Bryan, Mary E., M. D.	<i>r</i> Hamisfar, F. N., M. D.	<i>m</i> Mansell, Hecietta
Blackburn, Kate A.	Howe, Gertrude	<i>r</i> Miller, Oriel
	<i>r</i> Howe, Delia A.	McDowell, Kate, M. D.
<i>m</i> Carey, Mary F.	Hoag, L. H., M. D.	Maxey, Elizabeth
<i>d</i> Campbell, L. A.	Hastings, Mary	McBurnie, Susan
Chapin, Jennie M.	<i>m</i> Howard, Leonora, M. D.	Mitchell, Emma L.
<i>m</i> Coombs, L., M. D.	Holbrook, Mary A.	Masters, Luella, M. D.
Cushman, Clara	<i>d</i> Higgins, Susan B.	
<i>r</i> Clemens, Mrs. E. J.	Hampton, Minnie S.	<i>d</i> Nickerson, Florence
<i>m</i> Corey, Catharine, M. D.	Hoy, Ella J.	Neiger, Lilliarn
Christiancy, Mary F., M. D.	<i>m</i> Hugaboom, Marion	
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Rules and Pronunciation.

PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds cannot well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.

I is short as in sit, and long when accented as i in machine.

O is always long, as in no.

U short as in full, ù long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quantity.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report of this year are pronounced as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows :

Kamá on	Kamáw an	Badá on	Badown
Naini Tal	Nynee Táll	Bilsi	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotá	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwál	Bissoulí	Bissoulee
Srinagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswán	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	U'jainí	U'jiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gugje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in Our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowsee	Kánpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Ráil Bareli	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Barabankí	Bara-bunkee
Bareli	Barailly	Sitápúr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardú,í	Hur-doo-dee
Aunla	Ounla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nowáb-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Sháhjahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED BY
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a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
á " " " " a in fat.	u " " " " oo in fool.
e " " " " a in play.	ě has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
é " " " " e in met.	ü has the sound of the French u in l'üne.
í " " " " i in machine.	au has the sound of ow in cow.
í " " " " i in pin.	ai " " " " i in kind.
o " " " " o in bone.	

Hok-Chiang	Hoke-cheang	Sia Sek-ong	See-ah Sake ong
Ku cheng	Koo-cheng	Lí Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-loek	Kiu-Kiang	Kew Keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye
Li Yu Mi	Lee Yoo Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-si'kee	Kiushiu	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skee-gee	Líu Kiú	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suroong'-gä	Yezo	Yes'so
Shikoku	She-ko-ku	Dai	Dye
Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke			Name of Nagasaki School,
*"Ts" has German "z" sound.			Fu-ku-o-ka.

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwablí	Rosario	Ro-sar-io
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Monta-vid-a-o
Miraflores	Mee-rahflór-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwa-nos-ayres
Queretaro	Ker é tar-o	Orizaba	Ori-za-va
Real	Ra-íl	Pachuca	Pa-choo-ka
Del Monte	Del Món-ta	Silao	Se la o
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	San-hwan
Guanajuato	Gwan-a-hwáto		

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